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Mowlam targets plastic bullets

New curbs on use in Ulster

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Deep unease among senior ministers about excessive firing of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland is expected to lead to curbs on their use. Senior members of the government believe guidelines for use of baton rounds in Northern Ireland are too loose and want them brought into line with far stricter rules in force in England and Wales, where they have never been used.

A review has already been set up by the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) and is expected to report by the end of the year. Ministers know that such a move would help the peace process because nationalists in the province believe that the weapons have been used disproportionately against them. Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Ireland Secretary, has told The Independent: "The Government is determined, as are the police officers concerned, that guidelines for dealing with public dis-order and for the use of police equipment such as firearms (into which category plastic baton round guns fall) must be coherent, up-to-date and appropriate for the prevailing

circumstances. Since 1972, 17 péople have been killed and more than 100 gravely injured by plastic bullets in Northern Ireland. The most recent death was in 1989, but in April two teenagers were hit in the head with baton rounds as they came out of a youth club. Both were seriously injured.

The use of plastic bullets has escalated over the last two years. with almost 11,000 fired since January 1996. Even in 1995. when the last IRA ceasefire was in place, the Royal Ulster Constabulary fired 273 plastic

The Independent has discovered marked disparities between the rules for the use of plastic bullets by the RUC, the army and police forces in Britain. All three sets of guidelines used to be confidential, but have been declassified after a series of parliamentary questions from Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and

Shoreditch. While mainland police can only fire plastic bullets to pre-vent "serious risk of loss of life"

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when other methods of policing have been tried and failed, the security forces in Northern Ireland can use them to protect property or in the "detection of

chief police officer or at the very least a superintendent must authorise the use of the bullets. In Northern Ireland, individual gunners may decide to take action "if they judge their actions are warranted". Even these lax guidelines are regularly flouted by the RUC and army, according to civil liberties groups. For example the Committee on the Administration of Justice, which monitors marches where plastic bullets are likely to be fired, says its observers have never once heard officers give the required

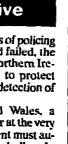
those used in England.

Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC -Chief Constable, objected to that, but later accepted the Government's decision to announce a joint review by the RUC and Acpo. It has now emerged that the review is being led not by the RUC but by Acpo. Ms Mowlam has said she expects the army to take any

bullets during disturbances. . . more than twice the total fired

over the previous 24 years. Further pressure has been placed on the Government by a European Parliament paper published in April. It says the firing of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland last summer constituted excessive force and breached the UN code of con-

ment to renew its call for a ban on the use of plastic bullets in the EU first made in May



In England and Wales, a

warning before firing. The Acpo review of guide-

lines was launched after a report last year from the Chief Inspector of Constabulary expressed concern over the RUC guidelines and said they should be changed to reflect precisely

changes into account.

The Independent reported exclusively in June that faulty plastic hullets were used in Northern Ireland for a year after it had been discovered that they were firing too fast. It also emerged that the faulty batch consisted of 284,500 bullets -

duct for law enforcers. The report calls on parlia-



Sinn Fein gets place at peace talks table

Ireland correspondent

A vital piece of the Northern Ireland peace process jigsaw is to be slotted into place today when the Government confirms that six weeks of 1RA ceasefire have qualified Sinn Fein for a place at the talks

The development, though widely expected, is none the less historic in that it represents the first time a British government has invited the republican movement to take part in round-table talks.

Following today's move the "We will see what the position Government's next important is, as and when that comes." objective will be to coax Union-

and the various other parties at the talks which are due to open

For this reason Mo Mowlam,

talks process.

ists to join the republicans, the British and Irish governments about the bona fides of the republicans than the Government. remarking: "At present Sinn on 15 September. Fein have not established a

the Northern Ireland Secretary. can be expected to do what she can, when she announces the decision this morning, to encourage Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to participate fully in the

Mr Trimble continued to reserve his position on this point after meeting Tony Blair at Downing Street yesterday. The Unionist leader would only say: We will see what the position

He was, however, markedly

the views of the people and not try and change it by violence." Downing Street said the meeting between Mr Blair and Mr Trimble had been constructive and positive, a spokesman adding: "We are still working towards finding the mechanisms for inclusive talks.

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be taking into account their this month did nothing to alle-concerns." this month did nothing to alle-viate Unionist suspicions con-Mr Trimble said that the

arrangements for a new arms decommissioning body, agreed earlier this week by Dublin and London, had been inadequate. He added that this issue had to be resolved within the talks process before there could be any question of moving to sub-

Mr Trimble is due to meet leaders of the Roman Catholic Church within the next few days as part of a consultative process undertaken by his party before any decision is taken [The Unionists] argued strong-ly that confidence building was on whether to enter the talks. Reports from Dublin of a siga two-way process and we will nificant IRA arms find earlier

installations. cerning republican bona fides. A search by Gardai two weeks.

ago uncovered a large amount of material including timepower units for up to 400 bombs together with a radio-controlled device which, it was said, might be used to steer driverless

vehicles into security force

The arms were found in the attic of a farmhouse in Co Cavan. A Garda spokesman said they appeared to have been in the attic since before the latest IRA ceasefire declared on 20 July. A man was questioned

Secret agents go to war on drug barons

Steve Crawshaw Kuala Lumpur Matthew Chance

Bangkok

Robin Cook said yesterday that he wanted Britain's intelligen∝ services to play a larger role in compating the scourge of drug smuggling in South-East Asia. "My government has decided

to use all the resources available to it to fight this scourge," he said in a speech in Malaysia. "This is not simply a restate-ment of old policy - we will this a top priority."

enforcement and intelligence assets will all be targeted at are to be allocated to M16 and fighting the international drugs trade," he said as part of a speech which covered relations between Britain And South-East Asia. It is rare that ministers make public mention of the intelligence agencies or their role.

The intelligence organisations will concentrate on trying to stifle the production of drugs

s a top priority." catching traffickers as they en-Our diplomatic, aid, law ter Britain. To reinforce this commitment greater resources the listening base in GCHQ Cheltenham. So far this year £42m has been spent on anti

drug measures abroad. The Secret Intelligence Service, or MI6, is always quick to spot new roles in the post-Cold War world. MI6 has set up a "Global Issues Controllerate" to target drug traffickers which includes officers working on

refocus all resources to make at their source rather than just organised crime. Similar and Thailand produce the bulk Asia's jungle, monitoring trafarrangements are at GCHQ, which monitors radio messages. But forget flashy cars with

ejector seats, or fountain pens packed with explosives. The real-life 007s in Robin Cook's "refocused" SIS may find a bottle of mosquito repellent more useful in their new mission: to combat Asia's ruthless drug traffickers.

Hidden behind thick malaria and swamp-ridden jungles, the notorious "golden triangle". opium fields of Burma, Laos of the world's heroin. Protectown well-trained guerrilla armies, the secretive drug overlords, like Burma's infamous Khun Sa, who profit from the illicit trade have seen their organisations thriving in recent

The new emphasis on combating international drug crime, particularly from heroin-producing Burma, is likely to involve British agents on covert operations deep in

ficking routes from Asia to ed by corrupt officials and their Europe and America, and perhaps even infiltrating the tightknit Asian gangs who control heroin production and supply drug distribution networks across the globe. "Intelligence gathering is the key to breaking down these criminal organisations," said Richard Dickens, an intelligence advisor to the UN's International Drug Control Programme in Bangkok.

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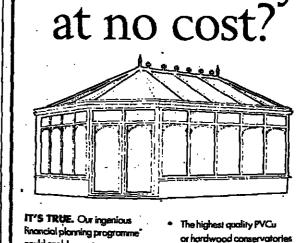
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Gays take a safarı to study out by the dominant animal in able to point out certain things. weekend. Events will include Kram and a pressure group, bus and boat trips during which Rainbow Funday. The outing is

be taken on a special tour of a Dutch safari park to observe "gay from apes to elephants. There

The Beekse Bergen safari on the subject. park at Hilvarenbeck is holding be weekend-long event to highlight the fact that hundreds of have included mothers and fa-

Up to 3,000 gay visitors are ... world. expected at the park, 60 miles. The gay visit has been orsouth of Amsterdam, next ganised by the newspaper Gay

Homosexuals and lesbians are to guides will point out gay activities among animals ranging will also be literature available

Beekse Bergen regularly holds theme weekends. These species take part in homosexu- thers' day events to show "par-al acts, say officials enting skills" in the animal

part of a series for homosexuals and lesbians which have previously included amusement parks and Disneyland Paris. Amsterdam has a thriving gay scene and will host the quadrennial Gay Games next year. Up to 300 species display gay behaviour but it is not directly

comparable with human sexu-

ality, say officials at Beekse

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a group to assert his authority. Leo Beckers, a director of Beekse Bergen, stressed that heterosxual visitors would be as welcome as gays. The manage-ment would also be happy to advise any British safari park which wants to lay on similar

"We cannot guarantee that the visitors will actually see gay acts taking place, that will depend entirely on luck. But we shall have guides on board who would be

and answer questions. "One cannot say that homo-

sexuality among animals is exactly like humans, but it does exist. We have examples of this among apes and cows, flamingos and elephants. Obviously the animals do not consider this

to be unnatural in any way." "We have got a lot of land here, and the gay people can camp overnight and make a weekend of it. We hope it will all go well.

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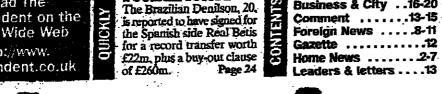
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Shadow minister's 'conflict of interests' to be reported

A complaint about a shadow minister's possible conflict of interest. between a £25,000-a-year management consultancy and his frontbench Commons responsibilities, has been made to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.

Dennis MacShane, Labour MP for Rotherham, wrote to Sir Gordon yesterday, pointing out that the outside job taken up by David Willetts with an employment consultancy, Monitor, could conflict with his post as a Conservative spokesman on employment.

"His new employer advises a large number of firms on employment policy issues and has a direct interest in parliamentary matters relating to employment policy," Mr MacShane told Sir

If Mr Willetts was allowed to keep both jobs, he added, it would make a "mockery" of a new Commons clampdown on outside consultancies.

But Mr Willetts said yesterday: "Labour front-bench spokesmen had outside interests in opposition and every elected member of the (Labour) Shadow Cabinet was sponsored by a trade union. Moreover, I have discussed and cleared this arrangement with Sir Gordon Downey."

19 soldiers discharged for drugs

Nineteen soldiers from the same battalion have been discharged from the Army after failing drugs tests, it was confirmed yesterday. The soldiers - all privates and lance corporals aged 17 to 24 - are

from the Royal Anglian Regiment, 2nd Battalion.

They were subjected to random testing for a cocktail of drugs. including LSD, ecstasy, cannabis and amphetamines and proved positive in a June operation mounted by military police. All have been discharged following the test results but two are appealing, the Army confirmed yesterday.

The findings were not made public at the time but have leaked out while the battalion is on leave before heading for a Cyprus

The drugs shame of the regiment, whose Colonel in Chief is the Queen Mother, came on the day that the Government announced the SAS would be taking a key role in the international war on drugs. They are to be involved in a joint operation with MI5 and the Secret Intelligence Service.

Teenager was probably strangled



Schoolgirl Kirsty Tidman, whose dismembered torso and egs were found floating in the River Thames, was sexually assaulted and probably strangled, an inquest heard

The 14-year-old disappeared from her home in south-east London, in May. Her body was found nine days later near Wapping, east London, and her legs were found separately shortly afterwards. Her head has still not been recovered.

Poplar coroner's court, in east London, heard that she was dead at the time her body was dismembered and had probably been sexually assaulted. Consultant pathologist Michael Heath said: "There was extensive bruising on the back of the neck and lower left side of the neck and this indicated that the death was caused by

Coroner Dr Stephen Chan recorded a verdict of unlawful killing. **Heatwave means death for fish**

Environmental experts may have to re-stock a stretch of river after the recent hot weather killed 20,000 fish, it was disclosed yesterday. The fish suffocated after oxygen levels plummeted in the waters along a 2km stretch of the Old Bedford River at Sutton Gault,

Experts from the Environment Agency were called to the river on Sunday, where they found thousands of dead roach and perch, ino several hundred dead pike. Pream and tenen.

A spokeswoman said: "The dead fish were mostly small roach. but other fish were also affected and after an assessment we may find we need to re-stock. The fish died because the hot weather left water temperatures high and caused more reeds to grow, which depleted the dissolved oxygen levels and suffocated the fish."

Channel 5 toasts Toon Army

Football star Temur Ketsbaia was the toast of Channel 5 yesterday after his last-gasp winner for Newcastle United gave the new station one of its highest-ever audiences. The see-saw Champions League qualifying match was seen by a peak audience of 3.4 million on Wednesday night - more than four times the number

who tune in to the channel's soap, Family Affairs.

According to unofficial figures. Channel 5 grabbed a top audience share of 15 per cent. It also boosted its average for the day to 5.8 per cent. "To use the old footballing cliché we are over the moon. This exceeded what we expected the match to get. It was a high drama game and that is reflected in the figures," said a

England's World Cup qualifier against Poland earlier this year was watched by about 5 million people.

Channel 5 has bought the rights to broadcast Chelsea's Cup Winners' Cup matches this season.

Boys, 10, charged with rape

Two boys aged 10 were accused today of the rape of a nine-year-old girl in a West London school, police said. They were also charged along with two other 10-year-old boys of indecently assaulting the girl at the school in May. The four, all from the west London area, will appear at West London Youth Court on 24 September.

TV sports presenter has cancer op

Television sports presenter Helen Rollason, who is fighting cancer, has had an operation, the BBC said yesterday. "Helen had an operation last night [Wednesday], the surgery went according to plan, and she is recovering well," a spokeswoman said.

The 41-year-old former PE teacher, who was the first woman to

present the BBC's flagship sports programme Grandstand, is in hospital in Brentwood, Essex, the spokeswoman added.

The hospital – which has not been named – has clarified that she is suffering from cancer of the colon, not stomach cancer as reported earlier, the spokeswoman said.

Ms Rollason was diagnosed with the illness on Monday.

BA talks at critical stage

Negotiations to settle the cabin crew dispute at British Airways are understood to have reached a critical stage. Members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at BA are due to meet early next week to decide whether to ballot on further industrial

Stewards and stewardesses staged a three-day strike in July in protest over the imposition of a pay and conditions deal. Union leaders have presented the company with a plan to save £42m from cabin crew costs - the issue at the centre of the dispute.

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Don and Yvonne Newman with their son, Daniel, as they arrived back on dry land yesterday

How we ended up all at sea, by rescued family

s the rescued Newman family returned to port yesterday on a rather bigger ship than they had anticipated – the 20,800-ton aircraft car-

What anticipated - the 20,800-ton alroraft carrier HMS litustrious - experts debated the merit of long voyages by sallors with little or no expertence. The dream of Don and Yvorine Newman to sail around the world- with their sk-year-old son, Daniel. - In their 36ft Touchdown was brutally destroyed by appalling weather in the Bay of Biscay. Sea King belicapters from illustrious had to winch the family to safety after they had endered three storm-tossed days on mountainous waves. The family, who had sold their house and given up their lobs to sail round the world set off from

up their jobs to sail round the world, set off from Lowestoft in July and had been heading for Gibral-

While Illustrious steamed into Portsmouth harconfined to her bed for three days, described their could have done to prevent the disaster. ordeal and paid tribute to their helicopter crew res-

"The weather was so bad it took four attempts for them to even get on to the yacht. But the determination on the man's face was amazing. He gritted his teeth and just carried on."

Mrs Newman added: "All I wanted to do was get Daniel off the yacht. He hadn't eaten for three days lost everything." and I was just so worried."

Meanwhile, sailing instructor Les Rant, a former neighbour of the Newmans, said he was surprised they had decided to set sail on a long trip because of their lack of experience and lack of training. He said: "I thought they were being ambitious.

think they only brought the boat around from the south coast of England at the end of last year. A spokeswoman for the Royal National Lifeboat stitution said anyone setting sail with little or no

experience was "unwise". Spokeswoman:Sue Denny said: "We try to edute people who use the sea, by giving advice, and we always suggest people go on training courses before sailing.

However, Robin Sjoberg, cruising manager at the Royal Yachting Association said the family had responded correctly to atrocious conditions they bour, Mrs Newman, who was severely sea-sick and had no control over, adding that there was little they

They were in a force nine in the Bay of Biscay, he said. "A situation with 50ft waves crashing around your 36ft boat is not a nice experience."

And Mr Newman defended the family's decision to sail. "We had taken a five-day forecast and this weather wasn't predicted." He added: "We are absolutely shattered. This was our home and we have

Michael Streeter

Scandal forces Joe Kennedy to pull out of election

In an announcement that could mark the beginning of the end of the Kennedy clan's legendary influence in American politics, the late President Kennedy's nephew, Joe Kennedy, said that he would be not standing for the governership of Massachussetts in state elections this autumn.

Kennedy, who is 44, made the announcement yesterday after-noon, after telephoning fellow congressmen and political allies to inform them of his decision.

From being almost a foregone conclusion at the beginning of this year, Joseph Kennedy II's election to the governship had turned into an uphill struggle in a matter of months, after a series of scandals that refused to die down. Earlier this year, his ex-wife, Shella Rauch Kennedy, published a book in which she bitterly attacked him for annulling their marriage without her agreement, and took the Catholic Church to task for the whole practice of annulment.

At the same time, Joe Kennedy's younger, married brother, Michael, was investigated for allegedly having a three-year affair with the family's underage baby-sitter.

The case was kept out of the courts when the family of the girl concerned, now a college student and of age, decided not to proceed, and the police dropped the case. Michael Kennedy, however, never denied the allegations, which left the impression of a lawbreaker getting away with it because he was a Kennedy.

Joe and Michael are sons of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968, le than five years after his brother.

Earlier this month, John Kennedy Jr, son of the late president, used an article in George, the New York magazine he founded, to criticise the conduct of his

Dubbing them "poster boys for bad behaviour", he sald: "great privilege demands great responsi-



bilities." His words were seen as an unprecedented breach in the Kennedy family's traditionally castiron solidarity.

Joe Kennedy's decision not to seek the governorship of Massachussetts, a state in which Kennedys have stood for elected posts 18 times in the past half-century without once losing, suggests an acceptance that his chances of winning were slim. Polls had shown a dramatic slide in his popularity to only 34 per cent, following the recent scand

Mary Dejevsky, Washington

Catherine Cookson's £100,000 gift to university

The best-selling author Dame Catherine Cookson has donated £100,000 to a university campus, it

was announced yesterday.

Sunderland University is to honour the 91-yearold Tyneside millionairess by naming part of its li-brary extension "the Catherine Cookson Reading

The chairman of the university's development trust, local businessman Sir Tom Cowie, said the gift would go towards developing the university's

riverside campus. In 1991, the then polytechnic awarded an honorary doctorate to Dame Catherine, who was born into a poor household in Jarrow, but is now one of

the North East's wealthlest residents. The gift is Dame Catherine's second six-figure donation to the university. In 1992, when it was still a polytechnic, she gave £100,000 towards scientific research.

Dame Catherine's first novel was published in 1950 and her worldwide book sales in 17 different languages have topped 100 million. Her novels include The Moth, The Mallen Streak and Feathers in the Fire. She received the OBE in 1985, and became a dame in 1992. Her publisher recently announced that as Dame

Catherine is so prolific, new works are guaranteed for the next 10 years. The university's vice-chancellor, Dr Anne Wright, said that naming the reading room after Dame

Catherine reflected the impact of the author's first visit to a public library, more than 20 years before she became a published writer.

Dr Wright added that the money was "another

example of the unstinting commitment of Dame Catherine and her husband Tom to advancing educational opportunities in the North East". The author has also made huge donations to Newcastle University, the latest being £250,000 earlier this year to keep open its previously clo-

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sure-threatened Hatton Art Gallery. Philip McNamara

Young workers affected by age discrimination

Young people face age discrimination at work as much as older employees, a new report found today. Men as young as 18 suffer from ageism, often told they are too young for a job, according to a survey of 2,000 firms. Women begin to encounter age-related problems when they are 21, sometimes suffering barriers to

The poll, by the Employers' Forum on Age and recruitment firm Anstin Knight, showed that workers in some professions are getting older. Judges and court officers are getting "dramatically" older, with a third aged between 55 and 69, compared with just one in 10

six years ago. The number of software engineers over the age of 40 has increased from 25 per cent to 36 per cent in the same period. The myth that policemen are getting younger is also exploded by the research, which concluded that police forces are keeping track with demographic changes in society. Last year one in four policemen in lower ranks were aged under the age of 29, compared to one in

The research showed a huge decline in the number of piano tuners, down from 7,089 to 3,281 between 1991 and 1996, but a 4,000 increase in the number of undertakers, up to 9,925 over the same period.

PROPERTY

More protection for house-buyers

House-buyers and sellers will soon have new rights and greater protection because an estate agent complaints scheme is being extended across the industry. From January next year every high street will include at least one estate agent which belongs to the

The expansion of the scheme was welcomed by the Office of Fair. Trading, which recently issued a stern warning to the industry following reports that some estate agents were engaging in sharp practices. From January 1 1998 the public are being advised to only use an agent which is displaying the scheme logo.

The new Ombudsman for Estate Agents scheme is aimed at

making it easier for buyers and sellers who are unhappy about the service they have received to complain and get compensation if their grievance is judged to be valid.

The move is the result of a link-up between the large estate agency chains and the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), and the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers (ISVA).



HEALTH

Deprivation equals tooth decay

Deprived children suffer most from tooth decay and also receive the greatest benefit from fluoride in water supplies, researchers said vesterday

A team led by Dr Colwyn Jones, from Wigan and Bolton Health living in deprived areas. They also discovered that fluoridation reduced levels of tooth decay by the greatest amount in poor areas the more deprived the area, the more children benefited from fluoride in water. The findings, published in the British Medical Journal today, prompted an urgent call from the authors for more fluoridation.

The dental records of a random sample of children were studied in three regions - Hartlepool, where the water is naturally fluoridated, Newcastle and North Tyneside, where water is artificially fluoridated, and Salford and Trafford, where there is no fluoridation. Analysis showed an overall 44 per cent reduction in tooth decay in fluoridated areas, which increased to 54 per cent in areas of greatest socio-economic deprivation.

PRISONS

GARDENING

Sex and drugs ignored by staff

Female inmates take drugs and have sex in front of prison officers while in jail, according to offenders cited in a report published

yesterday.

Prisoners at Styal jail, which houses women criminals and female young offenders near Manchester, told inspectors that overt lesbian activity and drug use by some prisoners in the grounds and in the houses were ignored by staff". The report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons also disclosed that

inmates were given keys to their cells, but were being kept on locked wings.

Prison officers at Styal criticised the practise of open cells, but

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the Prison Service said several jails successfully used the system. Overall the report praised the jail and said significant improvements had been made since the last inspection in 1990. Jason Bennetto

Greenhouse heaters often unsafe

Most of the greenhouse heaters on sale have safety flaws which could prove lethal to gardeners this winter, a report out today claims. Inadequate regulation, and design flaws, are blamed for hazards including potential build-up of carbon monoxide, electric shocks and fire risks.

Gurdening Which? magazine tested a range of electric, propane and paraffin heaters and identified possible problems in 16 out of 23. Testers claimed three propane heaters failed to meet current EU standards.

Although all carried seals of approval from accredited laboratories, the report said, some laboratories interpreted current regulations differently, leading to varying standards.

Too many electric heaters were not splash-proof, giving rise to a

risk of electric shocks, the report said, adding that safety standards covering this hazard were not due to come into effect until 2004. The report found that too many paraffin heaters were prone to leaks, messy, and difficult to turn on and off without burning your





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The pound in your pocket will now buy you only one-twentieth as much as in 1947, thanks to inflation. The 2,000 per cent increase in prices since the Second World War is in sharp contrast to the near absence of any increase in the general price level during the previous 150 years.

It goes to show that when your elderly parents boast about getting change from a shilling fish and chip supper, they are not exaggerating

A pint of beer, costing an average of £1.65 now, was only 7p (or 1s/4d) in 1947, and a pound of potatoes that cost 23 pence in June 1997 would have been 0.5p (or, 1d) half a century

The official measurement of ically over the years. prices by the Retail Price Index (RPI) celebrates its 50th birthday this year, its history coinciding with the era of inflation. But some prices have increased far more than the average, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The cost of housing, for what it was five decades ago, house price booms. Just after

in suburban Wimbledon went for £7,250. It would go now for £775,000 - and climbing

On the other hand, clothes prices have gone up by a mere sevenfold on average in 50 years. Buying a women's suit would cost an average of £203.99 this year, compared with the equivalent of £23.15 plus 12 ration coupons in 1947.

But the forthcoming royal marriage that year of Princess Elizabeth needed Parliament to after a night in the pub and a approve an extra clothing coupon allowance for her

> The RPI is one of the most important barometers of the health of the economy and also a telling indicator of social change. The "shopping basket" of items whose prices make up the index has changed dramat-

For example, in 1947 – when Clement Attlee was Prime Minister, India had just been granted independence and England won the Test match cricket series against South Africa amongst the food items included were unskinned rabbits, lard and condensed milk. example, is thirty-five times That compares with 1997's burgers, fromage frais and resiaurant meals.



Prices ain't what they used to be...

were added in the 1950s, fish fingers in the 1960s, wine and yogurt in the 1970s and frozen ready meals in the 1980s.

Drinking habits have changed over the decades too, as the staple pint of bitter of the Fifties has been joined by sherry, wine, low-alcohol lager and, this year, by alcopops.

The appliances whose prices were measured half a century ago were items such as radio sets, prams and mangles. These have

uters and microwave ovens Trolleybus fares have been replaced by foreign package holidays and Channel Tunnel fares, corsets and "seamless

In 1947 the RPI did not need to cover healthcare. In 1997, it measures the cost of NHS prescription charges, private medical insurance, eye

tests and condoms. The government started col-

"cost of living index for the working classes", on the grounds that the poor would be the biggest losers from the rayon hose" by T-shirts and inflation expected to be caused by the impending war.

when it started to measure the

This index included only 80 "essentials" such as food, clothes, housing, heating and tobacco - but not alcohol. The modern RPI was begun

in 1947 and differed from the pre-war version by covering given way to lecting information about prices what people actually spent tent of beer rather than to climb twentyfold. Ice cream and brown bread portable CD players, comp- in a systematic way in 1914, their money on, rather than rationing it. Quality adjustments

what a Whitehall official deemed essential. The "shopping basket" of items that is included is now updated every year using information from a national survey of family spendng patterns.

The statisticians also adjust the RPI for changes in the quality of goods and services something they started in 1947

now are more likely to take account of faster computer speeds, for instance The twentyfold rise in the

price level during the past 50 years corresponds to an average inflation rate of 6.3 per cent. Inflation was negative during the early 1960s but hit a peak of 26.9 per cent in August 1975. With an inflation rate of 2.5 per to compensate for the fact that cent - the Bank of England's the Government massively current aim - it would take

However, although these hours.

price increases sound alarming, average earnings have also risen faster. This means that the real standard of living is higher. It would have taken somebody twice as long in 1947 to earn enough to buy the typical basket of goods as it takes now.

Fifty 50 years ago, it would have taken 10 weeks to pay for a two-week foreign holiday, but just three weeks' effort 1947 has shrunk to a mere 11

Change or face closure, Scottish Ballet is told

Kathy Marks

The Scottish Ballet was ordered by the Scottish Arts Council last night to re-invent itself as a smaller company with a less grandiose vision, or face effeclive closure.

The ultimatum was delivered by the Arts Council after a meeting in Edinburgh to consider Scottish Ballet's future. The company was told that the remainder of its annual £2.12 million grant would be withheld unless its chair, Oona Ivory, and the entire board resigned.

The decision stems from a funding crisis affecting Scotland's four national arts companies: Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. The Arts Council lost

patience with the ballet company after it withdrew from a plan to share orchestra resources with the opera, which would have generated savings and led to the provision of an extra £2.4m for the arts by the



Two dancers delivering Scottish Ballet's petition to No 10

As another condition for releasing the remaining radical restructuring that would £571,000 of Scottish Ballet's help it to operate within its pregrant, the Arts Council is demanding that the company re-focus its artistic vision and move away from the large-scale classical productions that have been its mainstay.

It also wants it to agree to a sent budget. Magnus Linklater, chairman of the Arts Council, said last night that if Scottish Ballet did not meet the conditions, "it will go to the wall".

Lucy Shorrocks, the company's

marketing director, said that the response at a board meeting to be held within the next week. 'We can't say anything more until then," she said.

The Arts Council's demands follow a campaign by Scottish Ballet to safeguard its future. Earlier this week, two dancers delivered a 50,000-name petition to Downing Street, calling on the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, to intervene to save the 30-year-old Glasgow-based

Princess Margaret, its patron for the past eight years, has written to Sam Galbraith, the Scottish arts minister, expressing her "grave concern" at

the situation. Mr Linklater says Scottish Ballet will keep the same level of grant, but should produce a wider range of medium and small-scale works, without compromising its artistic standards. Its current repertoire - mainly Swan Lake - did not allow for flexibility or variety, he said. "More to the point, we cannot The NatWest Millennium Bond

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who have undergone the telephonic treatment, 80 per cent in Britain. No waiting lists, no report themselves to be improved or much improved. One 47-year-old woman with a 39-year history of OCD has apparently watched her condi-The techno-treatment for tion drop from severe to mild

standing for Behavioural Therapy), was devised by British and relationship – with a computer: American psychologists. Their According to Dr Oscar highly pragmatic alternative to Median, the psychiatrist at the conventional behaviour thera-Mandsley Hospital, in south: py takes three and a half months, thiring which time the patient can ring up the therapist

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As many as 1.75 million of the British population suffers from OCD, of which 10 per cent of cases are severe. Behaviour Therapy itself is nothing new for OCD, a syndrome marked by rituals and obsessions.

Sufferers first learn to spot whatever sets off their obsessions and rituals and then learn apparently, a potential problem.

becoming obsessive. One advantage of the telephonic treatment is the reduction in waiting lists -British sufferers currently have to wait around 12 months for treatment.

Another is that it is tailormade for anyone who can't meet a therapist in person. "You can do it from home and you don't have to make an appointment," enthuses Dr Meehan. "You can do it over the weekend, in the evenings; whenever you are free."

Common OCD rituals include endlessly washing one's hands, checking the front door is locked 20 times before leaving the house, and hoarding rubbish. Repeatedly telephoning one's therapist is not.

Blair's £5m drive to boost literacy

Tony Blair put education firmly back at the centre of the Government's priorities yesterday. announcing plans to expand a summer literacy scheme.

On a visit to Morpeth School in Tower Hamlets, east London, looking bronzed and relaxed after his holiday, the Prime Min-ister shrugged off talk of an "awful autumn" and suggestions that his honeymoon with the voters had ended, insisting that what mattered was his Government's determination to raise education standards.

Hailing this summer's programme - which has been attended by 1,600 pupils at 50 schools, which have not included Morpeth - a success, he announced a ten-fold increase in summer literacy schools for next year. "What we want to do as a government is to say that education is our number one priority; that it really matters to us," Mr Blair said.

"As important as anything is to get the levels of literacy up for the children coming into secondary school. We are trying to get across to people that education is absolutely essential, not just for us but for the country, that it's an investment worth

making," he said.
Yesterday, Mr Blair's call for leading industrialists to pledge money was answered by businessman Maurice Hatter, chair-man and owner of IMO Precision Controls Ltd, who donated £1m to expand the programme. This will be matched by £4m from the Government.

Mr Blair said: "There is noth-

Summer school puts education at the centre of government programme

ing more important than education. What is important is that people see results ... and see us delivering on the things for which we were elected ... My vision for this country is that we should be the best educated nation in the Western world. If we are able to achieve that all the rest. of it doesn't matter."

One of the 30 schools piloting the scheme was Sarah Bon-nell School in Stratford, east London Diane Wilson, assistant headteacher who ran the project for 31 children, enthused about it but warned that the root of the problem should be tack-led, saying: "Summer schools can't be there to mop up what should have been done in the primary schools. I accept that with the deprivation in Newham, a lot of the parents are not sufficiently literate to be able to help their children and for many English is their second

"But primary class sizes need to be reduced. Many of the children would not have had to have attended if they had had the op-portunities which they should have been entitled to early on."

She said the scheme was a great success: "All but two of the children significantly improved." The education spokesman for

the Liberal Democrats, Don Foster agreed. He described the schemes as "firefighting. They are dealing with a problem which should have been eliminated ...

The Government needs to turn its attention to tackling the problem at source. That means providing teachers with the tools to do the job. Smaller class-sizes, more books and equipment, and more opportunities for in-service

teacher-training."
The Tory education spokes-man, Stephen Dorrell, said: "To-day's announcement of more summer literacy schools initia-tive is for the few, not the many. In the expanded form of the summer literacy schools, they will help only 16,000 - only 3 per cent of the total. Labour must raise their sights."

Yesterday was the final day of the scheme at Thomas Tallis School, in south London. The project leader, Veronica Deny-er, said: "We hope to see improvement in their self-esteem. general confidence and ability to cope with the transition from primary to secondary."
Education Extra - The Foun-

dation for After-School Activities, chosen by the Government to co-ordinate the project, welcomed the extra funding. A spokesman, Joshua Hardy, said: We have achieved so much already, so with literally millions more pounds next year we are optimistic about the results."

A survey published vesterday by education recruitment consultancy LHR Education revealed more than three-quarters of teachers believed it was a good idea but half said they felt poorly informed about it.



Demanding results: Tony Blair with pupils yesterday at Morpeth School, where he emphasised the priority he gave to education Photograph: Phillip Meech

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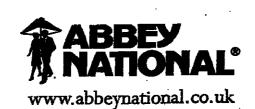
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Renaming of parts will help tell your ulna from your elbow

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Doctors have renamed the parts of the body so that there is a global consensus on which bit belongs where.

The world's leading specialists in anatomy, meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, yesterday announced that they had reached agreement on the includes between one and two thousand new names.

The results are likely to mean early obsolescence for familiar terms such as Adam's apple (henceforth to be known as "the laryngeal prominence") and Achilles' tendon ("calcancus tendon"). The fallopian tubes are to be known as "uterine

It will not, however, require re-writing of the song Dcm Bones which was, anatomically, ahead of its time. The leg bone -both in the song and under the new nomenclature - connects the ankle to the knee (and not the hip, as many people think).
The part between knee and hip the song correctly calls the thigh bone.

The new names run to 144

pages, plus an index of the same length, with each one

given in Latin and English. The aim is to reduce confusion between doctors using different terminologies in different parts of the world. It took eight years for the terminology subcom-mittee of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists to draw up the list. According to the chairman of the committee, Professor Ian Whitmore, the growth of international travel and the expansion of information technology had driven the change. We want to work for safety and congruence throughout the

the other side of the globe. It is better if the notes mean the same when they get there."
The two bones in the forearm known as the radius and the ulna provide an example of the

Walking in Kelly Wood, gathering words

Frail as split leaves, fine sticks of sentences,

Spirals of bracken from the fallen ground,

Strike steel on flint against the page of dark,

Wait patiently for the first spark. A flame.

Safe in my quiet house I lay them out

The stream's white voice, the indifference of hirds.

- Leaf, stick and bracken - in the hearth's cold frame,

This poem completes our selection from the Cornish poet Charles

Causley, who is 80 this week. His Collected Poems 1941-1997 is published by Macmillan (£20) and his Selected Poems for Children by Macmillan Children's Books (£5.99).

I listen for the silences of stone,

Kelly Wood

By Charles Causley

DAILY POEM

world. It is now very easy to send

a patient's notes via e-mail to

sternal angle (formerly Angle of Louis)

ulna is called the cubitus whereas in others, including the UK, the cubitus is the elbow.

Similarly, most Englishspeakers think of the hand as having a thumb and four digits with the "first finger" meaning the index finger. But the Latin terminology gives the hand five digits with the first being the thumb. "You can see the potential for confusion," said Professor Whitmore.

Latin has been chosen as the core language because it is stable politically uncontroversial, and has always been used to name body parts since Galen, the 4th-century Roman dissector, made the first attempt to classify them. Each part is also sort of difficulties than can arise. In some countries, the lent but countries will be

encouraged to translate the core Latin term into their own language if they wish.

Many Latin terms have become part of the language. "Testicle" comes from the Latin testes meaning witness (to the sexual act - cf testament). "Vagina" means scabbard (sheath of the sword).

In recent years, doctors have increasingly dispensed with eponyms such as Achilles' tendon and Adam's apple because there is no rationale for them. An Achilles' tendon could be anywhere in the body but the new name, the calcaneus tendon, indicates that it is the tendon attached to the calcaneum, the bone of the heel. The "angle of Louis", the lump at the top of the breast bone named after the anatomist who discovered it, is to become the "manubrio sternal angle." The manubrium is the upper part of the breast bone (or sternum) be-

tween the collar bones. "It is not that we don't like the names or the people, it is simply that most of the new lerms are related to their function or position." Professor Whitmore said.

The approved list of names will be published early next year and anatomists hope it will be rapidly adopted. "We consulted widely so we are confident it will be accepted," Professor Whitmore said. The international federation comprises 60 associations representing more than nine out of 10 anatomists around the globe, he said.



Photograph: Tom Pilston



Veteran walks into records books on a wing and a prayer

An 84-year-old man may have flown into the record books yesterday as the oldest man to

complete a wing-walk.

Leslie "Dizzy" Seales spent 20
minutes on top of a trainer aircraft
at Shoreham in Sussex, flying to a height of 300ft.

But Mr Seales, who lives nearby. does not feel his feat is in any way unusual. He appears unflappable, even in the face of the wind. He oleasant. I enjoyed it very much Heights don't worry me at all."

Mr Seales is no stranger to danger. He was a gunner in a

performed his first wing walk to save an injured pilot in 1942.

After gunfire from German fighters struck his plane, Mr Seales clambered out of the gun turret, and inched his way along the fuselage to the cockpit. He managed to free his pilot and both parachuted to safety.

Mr Seales last performed a wing-walk in 1995, but he could not go for the record then because he had mislaid his birth certificate. He has showed little fear in the face of enemy gunfire, and four wing walks. But he did not tell his

wife of the planned stunt, fearing

she might object and make him

Fitness fanatic is latest victim of CJD strain

Science Editor

The toll of cases of the fatal new variant of Creutzfelt-Jakob Disease, v-CJD, thought to be caused by exposure to "mad cow

disease", is rising inexorably. Yesterday a 36-year-old fitness fanatic living in Ripley, Derbyshire, was revealed as the 26th known British case. leaving his parents distraught at the sight of their son slowly dying before their eyes.

Chris Warne, a computer systems analyst, was officially diagnosed as having v-CJD three weeks ago after first showing signs of illness at the end of last year. Formerly a keen footballer, cricketer and skier, he now needs round-the-clock care at Nottingham's Queen's Medical Centre, where doctors say he has less than a year to live.

"I saw him at the hospital. He was standing and then his legs went from under him," his father Terry, 65, said last night, "It was like that clip they show on TV of the cow with BSE."

lopathy (BSE) was first recog-nised in April 1985, though scientists have calculated that 30,000 BSE-infected animals may have been used for food in the five previous years. Between 1985 and 1989 - after the discovery - almost half a million BSE-infected cattle were used for food, according to Professor Roy Anderson of Oxford

The rapid rise in v-CJD cases echoes that of BSE, which rose from a few hundred cases a year, to thousands. More than 163,000 BSE cases have been confirmed since 1985, but CJD typically takes more than 10 years to show up. In 1994 there were three v-CJD deaths. In 1995 there were 10. So far this year 13 people have been confirmed with the incurable illness.

University.

Mr Warne's symptoms began nine months ago when he became tired and withdrawn and received treatment for stress. Within six months he had been forced to give up his job

Royal Infirmary for tests, after which his parents were told their son had CJD. Yesterday they decided to make their son's condition public to raise awareness of the disease.

His mother Shirley, 60, said: We knew about CID but like everyone else we thought it would never happen to us. When Chris was in hospital I prepared myself for the worst but never dreamt he would have something like this. We were numb.

"We just can't help him and there's nothing anybody else can do. You do find yourself wringing your hands and feeling completely helpless. But by going public this is our way of helping and hope this will put pressure on the authorities to

undertake more research." Terry Warne said that "Chris was a healthy eater because he had his sports at the back of his mind. Now he doesn't even know where he is or why, and he has never even asked what is wrong with him."

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ment's Forestry Commission has been keeping careful watch for the spruce bark beetle. Now, for the first time, there is evidence that the beetle has Every imported consignment of crossed from the Continent and established itself here. timber either has to be stripped of its bark or have been heated Twenty of them were found in in a kiln before it is allowed in an early warning trap located close to the Shotton Paper mill near Chester. The trans, dotted around the country, contain a

chemical - pheromone - which the beetles find irresistible. Forestry Commission officials believe these insects came from the mill's stockpile of logs, which come from forests across Britain to provide raw

material to make newsprint.

The commission is now checking every forest which provided timber for the mill, to find out if the beetle is present. If they are found, then large numbers of trees will have to be cut down - "sanitation felling" - to prevent the insect's spread. At the end of the summer the 5mm-long creature can disperse by ffying.

The beetle's favourite tree is the Norway spruce, which makes up about 8 per cent of commercial timber in Britain, and is a pest from Japan across Asia to Western Europe.

"It is a very real threat." said Roddie Burgess, the com-mission's head of plant health. "Left unchecked, it can kill significant numbers of trees fairly quickly."



There's a Great Deal going on

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Wildlife drowning under the high seas



Environment Correspondent

Some of Britain's best known nature reserves will be drowned under the sea in the next few decades, conservation organisations warned yesterday.

It was their opening shot in a war to persuade the Government to come up with more money and change its coastal defence planning in order to save, or recreate, precious seaside habitats in East Anglia that are home to rare species such as the bearded tit, bittern and wainscot moth, and which are under mounting threat.

around south-east England will rise by nearly two feet over the next half century. This is partly because the entire south-eastern portion of the British Isles is slowly sinking by one or two millimetres a year as the land mass readjusts to the removal of the ice caps at the end of the last Ice Age. The other reason is that the oceans are predicted to expand and rise due to man-

made global warming. The conservation groups, which include the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The National Trust and English

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Ecosystem: Coastal areas such as this may soon be unable to support wildlife such as (from top right) the bearded tit, bittern and wainscot mothMain photograph: Andrew Buurman

Heritage, say that a wildlife-rich nation of storms and exceptionchain of low-lying grazing marshes, reedbeds and lagoons behind the shingle beaches of Suffolk and Norfolk are at risk. Well known for their birds, they are all designated by the Government for nature protection and several are meant to be protected by European

Union nature conservation laws.

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ally high tides flooded the freshvater Cley and Salthouse Marshes in Norfolk with salt water to a depth of six feet along a two mile stretch of coast. The marine flooding lasted for three weeks.

The marshes there are one of the few UK haunts of the bittern, a large heron-like bird which is one of the most criti-

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No bitterns bred there in 1996 because the salt stunted the reeds which give them cover and killed the freshwater fish they eat. Fortunately Cley and Salthouse are now recovering, and two bittern nests have been seen this summer.

John Sharpe of the RSPB said: "Some of Europe's finest wildlife sites are being lost. tected in the longer term then replacement habitats must be created. There is no clear mechanism or adequate money available to ensure this happens - the Government needs to

address this urgently. Peter Doktor, of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, said that at Cley and Salthouse Marshes the Government's Environment

defences - had now decided to build an earthen embankment as an extra line of defence behind the natural shingle bank. This was welcome.

But at the trust's Brancaster Marshes, the agency was promoting "managed retreat" which means not maintaining the coastal defences and letting

accept that there are places where the best policy may be not to build or maintain expensive coastal defences, but to let the sea have its way. However, they want new wetland those areas which are lost to the waves - and since that will land out of production this

Computer cyberpet could leave the goldfish gasping

Michael Streeter

What's blue, half-bird, halfdolphin, comes when you whistle and lives inside your computer screen?

The answer, it seems, is the new generation of cyberpet called Fin Fin. And for those who still prefer their animals to be warm-blooded and cuddly, the bad news is that this techno-creature, bailed as the world's first "artificial life" pet, is predicted to take Britain by

The makers of Fin Fin claim it is far more advanced than the popular Tamagotchi, the pocket-sized product which "dies" if

you do not look after it. Although animal representations, such as swimming fish, have long been in use on computer screens, Fin Fin is a quantum leap away because it uses artificial intelligence to respond to and learn from the noises and actions of its human

"It's like comparing cave man with 20th-century man," said Zoe Tomkins, of manufacturers Fujitsu. "They may be the same genetically but they are

The new pet can apparently respond to your voice, can sulk or hide and — as in real life — gets friendlier and more responsive the better you know him. And if you get to know Fin Fin really well, you will come across his partner, Mrs Fin Fin - the order of events perhaps reflecting the social outlook of



Pet project: How Fin Fin will appear on your screen

"It's certainly more responsive than a goldfish," said Ms Tomkins. "The way you treat Fin Fin will depend on how your relationship develops."

The creature lives on the planet Teo, curiously similar to Earth, and which also gets dark or light according to the time of day, and feeds on Lemo Fruits -virtual food which appears on the screen.

There are, however, a couple of snags with the cute mammalhird; the CD-Rom which goes on sale at the end of next week will cost £29.99, and you need market," said Ms Tomkins.

to have a personal computer to

Fin Fin is the spin-off from a \$70m joint US/Japanese into the application of artificial intelligence. The serious side of the product - apart from its commercial advantages - is that one day it will be a little Fin Fin or his son/grandson which becomes the tool with which we

run much of our lives. "We will be asking a Fin Fin to remember to cancel the milk when we go on holiday or order some food at the super-

Fresh inquiry into Haughey's finances

Alan Murdoch

A new tribunal is to investigate controversial decisions made by Charles Haughey while Taoiseach from 1979 to 1992 in the light of this week's report by a judicial inquiry confirming that his lavish way of life was secrety funded by a business ally, the Irish cabinet has decided.

The new inquiry is a concession to the widespread belief that the scale of Mr Haughey's regal living, spanning a large estate, yacht, racehorses and private island, must have required cash gifts from others besides Ben Dunne, the supermarket chief,

Mr Justice Brian McCracken's inquiry into payments to politicians by Mr Dunne confirmed he gave the then Taoiseach £1.3m between 1987 and 1991. But its limited brief meant it was unable to ask how Haughey afforded spending far beyond his salary before and af-

ter that period. The inquiry heard his annual overheads were close to IRF300,000 while Dunne was a benefactor.

Labour, Democratic Left and Fine Gael opposition parties want the new inquiry to examinc the nature of Haughey's relationship with a series of leading Irish business figures who benefited from land and other deals while Haughey was Taoiseach. Mr Haughey resigned the premiership in January 1992 amid a row over a 10-year-old telephone-tapping

John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, seeking to cause maximum embarrassment to Bertie Ahern, the new Taoiseach, urged him personally to ask Haughey, his predecessor as leader of Fianna Fail, to cooperate voluntarily with the new inquiry. Mr Haughey's failure to assist the McCracken investigation added hugely to the cost to taxpayers. Mr Bruton

wants the new inquiry to cover Mr Haughey's entire finances over the last 25 years. Other Opposition parties have highlighted concern over decisions approved by Mr Haughey from state land purchases which benefited key supporters to invest-ment in the beef industry.

A final decision on the new inquiry's terms of reference is likely to be made by Govern-ment and Opposition party leaders before the Dail meets on 10 and 11 September to consider the the McCracken report.

The Government will ask the McCracken tribunal to continue inquiries into who besides Mr Dunne put funds into the socalled Anshacher deposits, a series of secret numbered bank accounts at one point containing £38m, from which Mr Haughey received payments. There is growing pressure for scruting of a large cash donation handed to the foreign minister Ray Burke during the 1989 election.



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Environment Correspondent

A pollution-free, electric version of the three-wheeled Reliant Robin car is under development. An advanced prototype is due to be completed this autumn, and the battery-powered production version could be on sale by the end of next year.

The little runabout is best known for mobilising Del Boy and Rodney in the BBC series Only Fools and Horses. But its real life manufacturer in Tamworth, Staffordshire, has horizons even wider than Trotters' Independent Trading, Reliant hope to sell some of the electric Robins in smoggy southern California, where there are Government incentives to promote sales of non-polluting

The company is aiming for a car with a top speed of 65 mph and a range of 70 miles before an overnight battery recharge is needed. "It has got to be able to keep up with the other traffic and go a reasonable distance." said Reliant's managing director and part-owner, Jonathan Heynes, a former executive with Jaguar Cars.

But acceleration would be faster than the existing petrolengined Robin, whose 850cc aluminium engine gives it a top speed of 80 mph.

The reason why the fibreglassbodied Robin is well suited for conversion to electric drive is its weight - just two-thirds that of a four-wheel, steel-bodied car of similar size.

That lightness sharply reduces the amount of power it consumes in accelerating. And that, in turn, allows the Robin to attack the biggest bugbear of electric vehicles: in order to have a tolerable range between recharges they need to carry a large weight and volume of

The three-wheeler should

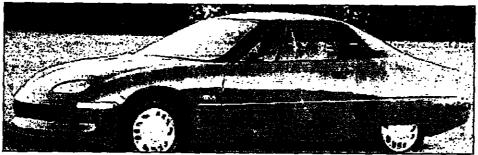
need less battery bulk. The vehicle uses one lightweight, high-efficiency and motor. The plan is to sell the car owners inquiring about the £7,000 which the petrol version



Triple whammy: Del Boy immortalised the Reliant Robin and the three-wheelers have even been converted into boats (top). However it is now hoped that Robins can prove a cheaper, more efficient alternative to sleeker electric sports cars made by General Motors in America (below)

By October or November we hope to have completed a good, realistic prototype, a 'test mule', which we can critique,' said Mr Heynes, who purchased the struggling company along with two partners last year.

He will not show the vehicle off or discuss its engineering, for fear of exciting premature interest. Even so, the company gets about two letters a week British-built Lynch electric from among the 44,000 Reliant



employs 110 people and pro-Reliant, founded in 1935, now months. In its heyday in the

1970s 2,500 staff made nearly 300 duces 25 petrol Robins a week vehicles a week including the

pany was twice in receivership and once in administration. ea 31. our During the 1990s the com- chased Reliant in partnership disc will be even cheaper.

with an anonymous backer and the Mancunian entrepreneur Kevin Leech, who owns Land's End and John O'Groats. Mr Heynes said: "It has always been the parent companies which have run into problems, never Reliant itself. It's a very good trading name, and we're convinced we can turn it

The Robin can be driven by people with only a motorbike licence and the tax disc is half the price of a conventional car. For the electric version, tha

Ashdown seeks Scots vote reform

Political Correspondent

Voting reform for local elections should be one of the first acts of the new Scottish Parliament, the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown said yester-

day.

On a visit to Scotland to campaign for a "yes, yes" vote in the devolution referendum on 11 September, Mr Ashdown said proportional representation could help to prevent the infighting which had characterised local politics in areas such as

Mr Ashdown was making a peech in the former Royal High School in Edinburgh, the building earmarked for the new Parliament until ministers decided that it would not be suitable and launched a competition for architects to build a new one.

Mr Ashdown pointed out that the new Parliament would have the power to change local voting systems, and argued that it should use it.

"The cronyism, the factional in-fighting, the bad mouthing, the destruction of public trust and private lives - all are products of a voting system that keeps unrepresentative cliques in unchallenged and unfettered

power for years on end. We are not talking about the failings of one party or another. We are talking about the kind of politics that develops when one party has an unbealthy and unrepresentative monopoly of power," he said.

A reformed Scottish political system would lead the way towards the modernisation of politics across the United Kingdom, he added, Liberal De mocrat sources argued last

night that PR for local authorities in Scotland would be in the interests of all the parties. The Conservatives and Scottish National Party would gain seats from it as well as themselves. while many new Labour members could see it as a way of ridding their party of factionalism.

Mr Ashdown also attacked the Conservatives' constitutional affairs spokesman. Michael Ancram, accusing him of "insult, misinformation and lies". Mr Ancram had claimed on Wednesday that a Scottish parliament would create a cesspool of resentment" which would lead to the break-up of

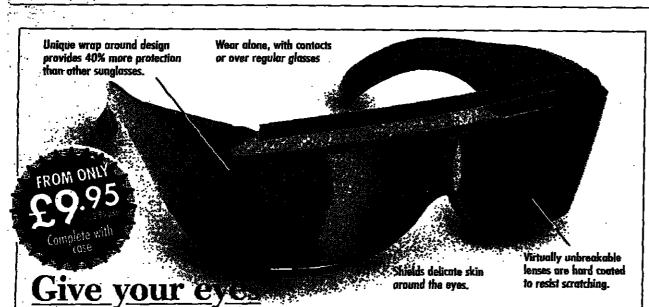
The Defence Secretary, George Robertson, also chose to attack Mr Ancram, a former Northern Ireland minister, for "hypocrisy" while campaigning

"How can Michael Ancram parade as the hammer of Scottish devolution in August 1997 when he was the salesman of Northern Ireland devolution in April of 1997?

"How can he be taken seriously for a moment by mature and thinking voters when he tells them that an English legislature would open the door to instant separation when he was telling Northern Ireland voters four months ago that a Belfast legislature would strengthen the Union?" he asked.

Elsewhere in the campaign the focus switched back to the economic issues, with the Scottish Secretary Donald Dewar set meet sceptical leaders of the Scottish CBI in Edinburgh in an attempt to convince them that devolution would be good

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Boost for MI6 in war on drug trade

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

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The rise in international drug trafficking was identified yesterday as one of the most worrying and dangerous developments facing Britain.
According to Robin Cook,

the Foreign Secretary, tackling the drug trade abroad is to become a top priority for agencies such as MI6, customs, and MI5.

Speaking in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, he insisted that this was "not simply a restatement of old policy; we will refocus all resources to make this a top priority". In future the organisations will concentrate on trying to stifle the production of drugs at their source rather than just catching traffickers as they enter Britain. To reinforce this commitment greater resources are to be allocated to M16 and the listening base at the Gov-ernment Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham. So far this year £42m has been spent on anti-

drug measures abroad. Mr Cook yesterday highlighted the drug trade from South East Asia, and in particular Bur-ma, where he said the military government was conniving with drugs barons. Heroin is now the most common class A drug smuggled into Britain. Most of

it comes from opium grown in the "Golden Crescent" of Pakistan, and

Afghanistan and arrives via countries such as the Netherlands, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Hungary. Drug agencies estimate that only 10 per cent of the heroin that comes into Britain, most of which involves Turkish drug gangs, is intercepted en route.

Heroin also reaches Europe from South East Asia, smuggled by sea through Vladivostok and by land through Mongolia and

Cocaine is being smuggled into Mr Cook's announcement yes Europe thorough the Russian Federation, Poland and south-

also become a major source of synthetic drugs, such as speed, produced in laboratories of Poland, the Czech Republic, and Latvia. The largest pro-ducers of ecstasy are still based in western European countries

particularly the Netherlands. Although the Secret Intelligence Service, MI5 and Customs and Excise will be used in the

drugs battle, Mr Cook does not

believe that British military

forces will be used in South East Asia as countries like Malaysia

and Indonesia have powerful

armed forces. In other parts of

the world, such as the Caribbean

and Colombia, Britain provides specialist training by the SAS and support by the Royal Navy to help curb the drugs trade.

The intelligence services have

been increasingly involved in the

battle against the drugs trade

'It's not a restatement of old policy; we will refocus all resources to make this top a priority'

the Russian federation. The territories of the former Soviet Union are increasingly used as transit points by traffickers of heroin and cannabis resin.

The majority of the cocaine, which is being seized in the UK and Europe in record amounts, is grown in South America. particularly Colombia and Bolivia, and smuggled through Spain and Portugal.

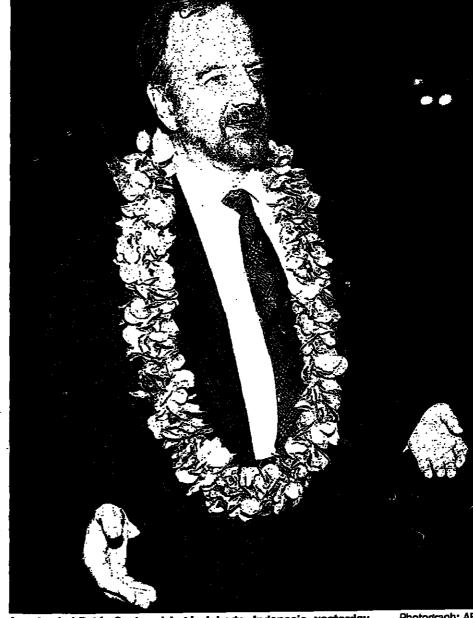
Drug cartels have also moved, in to exploit the political

terday, which did not mention whether extra money was being eastern Europe.
The former Soviet Bloc has made available, suggests that officers are likely to be reas-signed to investigate drug barons rather than Soviet spies.

In his authoritative new book New Cloak, Old Dagger, Michael Smith reveals that MI6 has been involved in a number of successful anti-drug operations. One in 1991 began when Scotland Yard detectives arrested two Czech "businessmen" in London with a consignment of cocaine, and stumbled across a major drug route from Colom-bia, via Poland and Czechoslo-vakia, to Germany, the Netherlands and Britain.

Unable to operate abroad, the police called in MI6 which helped to close the route and convict several traffickers. MI6 has set up a "Global Issues Controllerate" to target drug traf-fickers that includes officers working on organised crime.

Similar arrangements are in place at GCHQ, which monitors radio messages. According to Mr Smith, GCHQ has adapted its operational techniques to intercept drug smugglers before they get to Britain. Liaison between the intelligence services and the police is conducted through the National Criminal



A garlanded Robin Cook arriving in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday

Walking a fine line on human rights

Steve Crawshaw Kuala Lumpur

Robin Cook yesterday walked out on the tightrope of his new foreign policy, weaving the twin themes of trade and human rights together into a single, cautiously balanced speech.

Speaking in the Malaysian first leg of a five-day trip to south-east Asia, the Foreign Secretary talked of the "global importance" of South East Asia and the "exciting new partnership" between Asia and Europe. At the same time, he insisted that human rights were "fundamental to foreign policy".

Just a few hours later, he arrived in Indonesia – the subject on which Mr Cook has seemed in most danger of being hoist with his own ethical petard. In yesterday's speech, he sought to avoid offending his hosts in the region, while not laying himself open to accusations of sell-out.

Until now, his main audience has been the electorate at home, where talk of ethics goes down well. In this region, things are less comfortable. Many countries in the region are more concerned about flourishing business than about human rights. Mr Cook thus gave the human-rights pill a sugary, business-friendly coating. Above all, his speech was up-

beat. He insisted that the turbulence in the financial markets, which continued yesterday, "should not obscure the underlying strength of the economies of South East Asia" He described the powerful Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), as "; success by any measure", "No previous generation of national leaders could have foreseen close to 500 million people of

ກວກກ່ະ ສກປ political community as successful as Asean. In this context, his main selfing pitch was that Britain should be regarded as a key linkman. helping to build a stronger re-lationship between Asia and Europe – in effect, the missing side of a global triangle. Mr Cook pointed to the close links between Europe and America, on the one hand, and the United States and Asia, on the other, and argued: "We must balance [these links] with strong ties between Europe and Asia." Britain, Mr Cook argued, is uniquely qualified to act as one

various origins building an eco-

He brandished Britain's new Europhile credentials, saying: We are no longer a marginalised offshore island on the sidelines of debate in Europe, but a leading player of equal influence to the major countries of the Continent." Britain will next year host the second Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem). The Asem process. said Mr Cook, is "a great opportunity ... let us seize it .. He offered a list of six areas where he was seeking partner-

end of the bridge"

ship. Five of these - economic partnership, security, the UN, environment and drugs - are uncontroversial. Dropped into the middle, however, came the hand grenade - "perhaps the most important, because it un-

derpins all the others". Mr Cook declared: "Promotion of personal freedom is cencapital, Kuala Lumpur, on the tral to the goals we all share: free and open societies, dynamic and modern economies as part of a safe and prosperous international community ... Every country is a member of the international community and it is therefore reasonable to require every government to abide by the rules of membership.

In a clear effort to avoid stepping on regional toes. Mr Cook insisted: "This is not a matter of division between north and south." Taking an almost apologetic tone, he said that "no one country should lecture other countries on their duty". None the less, he continued: "The right to enjoy our freedoms at home comes with the obligation to support the human rights of others abroad." He added that the principles should "find support in both developed and

developing countries*,

Agents aim to break hold of barons

Matthew Chance Bangkok -

Details of new plans for the Secret Intelligence Service are naturally, secret. But moving, at times, outside the parameters of the last undergraph Alfa or the Secretary and the last undergraph alfa or the Secretary and the Secr the law, undercover MI6 operatives using skills refined dur-ing the Cold War will have the freedom to collect data, develop contracts and in some instances, help to co-ordinate military-style raids against drug installations, like heroin processing factories or opium "farms". They are also expected to record information to help. guide criminal case against drug barons, smugglers and officials involved in the trade.

Rather than taking direct action, their real value in the global fight against trafficking may be the political pressure British intelligence can help bring to bear on countries like Burma, linked with drug trafficking at the highest levels.

There's really no question of them leaving a trail of dead bodies behind them: M16 are far too subtle for that," according to Richard Dickens, an intelligence adviser to the United Nations' International Drug Control Programme in Bangkok. "But they can be expected to manipulate the situation on the ground to their best advantage, and, for want of another word, to agitate.

This "agitation" could take the form of blackmail: exposing the links of high-ranking indi-viduals to the drug trade could be used as leverage to pressurise governments into taking action against other elements inolved in trafficking.

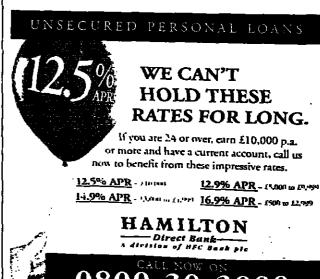
"The aim is to break the traf-ficking loop," said Mr Dickens, to seize money, to freeze assets, to stop the drug trade, even if that means bending morals or sending people to the firing squad in some countries."

Although the heroin which can be hought on the streets of Britain originates largely from Afghanistan, not Burma, British officials are acutely aware of the potential threat posed by South East Asian beroin producers. If UN negotiators, for instance, succeed in arm-twisting the militant Taleban Islamic government, which controls most of Afghanistan's opium-growing regions, into clamping-down on their people's drug production, South East Asia could reemerge as a key supplier of heroin to British addicts.

"This British initiative looks like it fits well into the global strategy we are trying hard to promote, said the Vincent McLean, the UN's drug control chief in Bangkok, who added that the fight against trafficking was "a global problem".

This is an exciting time for those of us who have been watching the steady rise of South East Asia's drug producers. Turn MI6 loose in Asia, give them cane blanche to opcrate in this area, and they will make a difference," he said.





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A stranger's tour of hashish's dark heartland



Sightseers are not welcome, writes Elizabeth Nash, in the second part of her series on marijuana in Morocco

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"In this part of the Rif it ci-

ther rains or it's misty. The roads

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Anyone who comes here is as-

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seers." Quite so, I agreed.

Ketama — I just want to look me drive back the way we had around, I said innocently, but Mustafa was doubtful from the start about my plan to drive with him to Ketama, the heart of Morocco's hashish territory. It was 50 miles (80km) east along the Rif from the ancient Berber town of Chefchauen, but locals warned it would take three hours.

The mountain road started winding circuitously just be-yond the Gendarmerie checkpoint on the outskirts of Chefchauen, keeping our speed below 20mph. Emboldened by our slowness, young men squat-ting by off-white Mercedes darted into the road brandishing

bulging plastic bags. Clocking a Rabat-registered hired vehicle driven by a European female, they whistled and hissed, made huge smoking gestures with their hands and shouted "Hashiiiiiish!" as we

drove by. Others held out white clubs like those used by jugglers. What are they for, I asked Mustafa.

young men enveloped 'They're to defend yourself in long against attackers if your car should break down at night hooded on the road." I digested this quietly robes for a while, taking strolled or in the warm sweet gusts of kif, the hung about, cannabis plant, butfeting through the window. Perhaps it eyeing the was my imagination interlopers that the bitter metallic stench of "bazuko" – crack – with occasionally spiked my nostrils too. hostility

The road became steeper, passing amid pines and majestic cedars. against Rabat. A tacit agreement exists between the authorities and the kif producers that they should not plant along the main roads, but from time to time we glimpsed dark green kif fields, one not far from the gendarmerie head-

quarters outside Ketama. Nearby was the town's only hotel, where we pulled up. Clusters of tall, severe young men enveloped in long hooded robes strolled or hung about. Their dark eyes swivelled and bored into the two interlopers with hostility and suspicion.

In the hotel, a request for hinch was greeted with amazement. The shutters to all the rooms were drawn, the swimtaps were without water. Mustafa went to buy some food in the street, forbidding me to accompany him. He returned with a flat round loaf, grilled lamb kebabs and a sheep's head which he picked clean with relish.

within minutes, he refused to let

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come. A wind was up and a storm was brewing. If we have to stop, these traffickers will bother you. Or the police will think you're buying, and search the car, search your body, ques-tion you for hours." He proposed a quieter route, the coast

road that was more beautiful. We headed north along a foul potholed track. For hours we crept along amid thunder, lightening and torrential rain or mist that appeared to boil off the road. Despite the frightful conditions in this godforsaken mountain top, there was constant activity. Cars loomed up, and as we stopped to let them case past.

their occupants urged us to buy. Groups of men loitered by the roadside, mule-drawn traps trotted by, a solitary figure in flowing cream robes, his vast lampshade-like hat trimmed with

Tall, severe

bobbing pompoms and covered with a cowl, strode like a ghostly monk. Not a gendarme was to be seen in territory that tribesmen have controlled for centuries.

This was the heartland of the legendary leader Abdelkrim, whose Berber warriors declared an independent Rif republic in the Twenties. They defeated and humiliated Spain's occupying forces using the same guerrilla tactics the Spanish invented to resist Napoleon a century before -and Rifans have Since

up periodically Eventually the mountain fell art into the sea and we reached the little port of El-Jebha, thought to be an important departure point for hashish smuggled to Europe. It seemed even more sinister than Ketama and after driving by a couple of dark bars, a proposal to stop for tea died on my lips.

The coast road is dotted with little white watchtowers, guarded by helmeted auxiliary forces who saluted as we passed. Morocco spends \$80m (£50m) a year on 5,000 extra security forces for the northern region to stop drug trafficking and illegal emigration. But the coast is hundreds of miles long, and ming pool was without water, the traffickers - helped sometimes by the Italian Mafia or Britons from the Spanish costa - slip rubber inflatable dinghies into the gentle sea and load 30kg bails on to yachts or fishing boats bound for Spain.

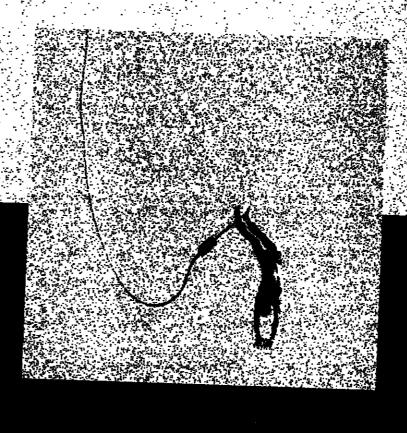
Night fell. The landscape After downing five beers softened and the weather improved, the scent of mint and



Cottage industry: Hashish being processed at a farmhouse drug factory. The woman on the left is grinding kif leaves to dust

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Venezuela prison riot claims 42 lives

At least 42 prisoners were knifed or beaten to death, and another 22 injured, in a riot between rival gangs at notorious El Dorado prison in Venezuela. In a prison system noted for its brutality and uncontrolled violence, it was the deadliest incident since January 1994, when 109 inmates died in a riot and fire at Sabaneta prison in Maracaibo.

Kinshasa blocks UN probe The government in Kinshasa said a U.N. mission investigating alleged massacres in the former Zaire had broken agreements and would have to wait until a parallel African team arrived before continuing the probe. It also accused investigators of meeting members of the political opposition since their arrival on Sunday and questioned the neutrality of Togolese jurist Atsu-Koffi Amega, who leads the mission.

Reuter - Kinshasa **US aueries Moscow N-blast**

The United States has asked Moscow about a "seismic event" 12 days ago at or near a nuclear test site to help determine whether Russia breached a self-imposed moratorium on nuclear test blasts, the White House said. Russia, which said in 1992 that it was halting nuclear explosions, denied it had carried out a test and said it was sticking to its moratorium.

Primates on the decline

ogging, hunting and the steady loss of forests have made mates the most imperilled group of animals on the plani. Only one species is increasing in numbers: humans. Near-half of the 235 primates, including chimpanzees which are on closest evolutionary relatives, are threatened with exaction. Another 20 percent are approaching that status, said report published by Worldwatch Institute.

AP - Washington

Queen losing stamp of authority

Australia ready to decide on republican vote

Sydney

Australia will elect delegates later this year to a constitutional convention that will decide whether the country should go ahead and hold a referendum on becoming a republic.

The convention, to be held in the first half of 1998, will be the most searching examination Australians have conducted on the question of abolishing the monarchy and, if opinion polls are any guide, it could be the precursor for a referendum on a republic passing a popular vote early in the next century.

The conservative coalition government led by John Howard promised the convention when was elected last year, even though Mr Howard himself is a monarchist who has done his best to bury the republican debate. But opinion polls - which show that more than half Australians want a republic, a continuing campaign by the Australian Republican Movement and the "coming out" as republicans of several prominent MPs in Mr Howard's Liberal Party – left him no option but to

go ahead with his promise. When he put forward legislation to set up the convention, however, it struck trouble in the senate, the upper house of federal parliament, where the Democrais, a small left-of-centre party, and some Independent MPs hold the balance of power.

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Party were outraged by Mr Howard's plan for half the 152 delegates to the proposed convention to be elected and the rest to be appointed by the government. For the elected half, the government is proposing a voluntary postal ballot. Labor and its republican allies in the senate demanded that voting should be compulsory, as it is for general elections in Australia, and

that all delegates be elected. The legislation failed its first passage through the senate, and looked likely to fail again when the government re-sub-mitted it, killing off the convention altogether, something Mr Howard would have been quite happy about. But a lastminute compromise yesterday by Bob Brown, a Green Senate member from Tasmania, means it will now go ahead. Mr Brown announced he would abandon his opposition to the voluntary postal ballot because he would rather have such a convention than none at all. Convention delegates will come from a cross-section of groups.

The convention is likely to reignite the country's republic debate, which was started by Paul Keating, the former Labor prime minister, who planned to hold a referendum on the issue by 2000. Despite Mr Howard's reticence, republicanism is likely to gather momentum as Australians prepare to mark their biggest national birthday in 100 years, the centenary of federa-



Linked lands: Stamps symbolising the Queen's role as Head of State in some of the 16 countries

Canberra attacks MP's racism campaign

The Australian government yesterday launched a renewed attack on Pauline Hanson, the independent MP who opposes Asian immigration and welfare for Aborigines, when it released a white paper on foreign policy repudiating Ms Hanson's policies, writes Robert

The white paper, Australia's first policy, is the latest and strongest public spending on Aboriginal welfare.

move by Canberra to counter the political impact of Ms Hanson, particularly among Australia's Asian neighbours, where there has been mounting concern over her campaign. Ms Hanson has been the centre of a political storm in Australia ever since he made her maiden speech in parliament almost a year ago calling for such document on foreign and trade an end to Asian immigration and

Her mixture of raw nationalism, isolationism and racial bigotry has divided Australians and caused problems for the conservative coalition government led by John Howard, who has come under fire for his failure to repudiate M s Hanson decisively enough.

A few weeks ago, the government set up a special information unit in the department of foreign affairs and trade in Camberra specifically to counter the

in Hong Kong, China and other Asian centres, from which Australia has been drawing increasing numbers of its skilled immigrants, to emphasise Australia's commitment to racial equality.

The white paper that Alexander Downer, the foreign minister, released yesterday, followed up this latest campaign by placing racial equality Australia's best interests.

millions of dollars mounting exhibitions

Hanson agenda in Asia. It will spend and human rights at the centre of foreign policy, and warning that any damage to Australia's reputation from the race debate could seriously damage it in the Asian region, the focus of most of Australia's trade and the source of about one-quarter of its annual intake of immigrants.

It says: "Racial discrimination is not only morally repugnant. It repudiates

How real is Her Majesty's rule over 16 states?

Defence Correspondent

Even if Australia decides to reject the monarchy, the "Queen's Realms" will still include a land area of about four and half million square miles. Including the United Kingdom and Australia, it comprises 16 of the Commonwealth's 53 sovereign states. They range from vast states such as the former dominions of Australia and Canada through to small islands like St Christopher and Nevis, and they are all constitutional monarchies, with the Queen and her Privy Council as the ultimate authority. Their heads of government, including the UK's, are prime ministers.

The constitutional position is complicated: when the Queen is in Australia, she is there as Queen of Australia, not as Queen of Britain and Northern Ireland, However, the Queen's authority is increasingly recog-nised as an anachronism, going back to the days when the Queen was direct head of state. Most of the Caribbean countries now want to sever contact with

the British monarchy. The other Commonwealth states are either republics, with a president or executive president as head of state (like Nigeria), or "national monarchies". of which there are five: Brunei, Lesotho, Malaysia, Swaziland and Tonga. If Australia were to become a republic, it would join 32 others in the Commonwealth, reducing the Queen's Realms to 15, but practical effects would be minimal.

There are also numerous dependencies with a total population of about 150,000, including Gibraltar and Montserrat. They are not members of the Commonwealth in their own right, but are dependent on states which are.

The 16 Queen's realms, apart from the UK itself, all have governors-general, who represent the Queen as head of state. The Governor-General in Australia is Sir William Deane. In practice,

the latter's functions are largely ceremonial. Governor-generals are appointed by the Queen and have no political, legislative or executive authority. For most people the only practical role served by the link with the Queen is as a route for final appeal against death sentences. This link has increasingly become a problem, however, because it complicates human rights issues.

Jamaica is a case in point The Queen is represented by Sir Howard Cooke; the head of government is the Prime Minister, PJ Patterson, who is elected in much the same way as Tony Blair in Britain. Jamaica has its own privy council, the

Realms of recognition monarchies recognise the Queen as Head of State:

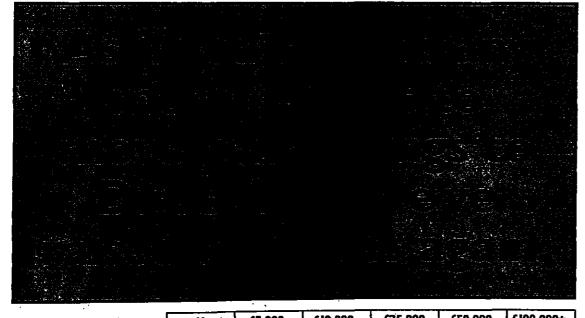
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highest court in the land, but an appellant has the right of appeal to the Queen's Privy Council.

"The death-row Privy Council appeal is one of the most infamous uses", said Mischa Mills of the Commonwealth Secretariat. As a Jamaican - and therefore a Commonwealth citizen - she has the right to vote in the UK, but not the right to a British passport.

Fiji, which left the Commonwealth some years ago, wants to rejoin and will do so unless other members object. This would mean Fiji accepting the Queen as head of the Commonwealth, but probably not as head of state.

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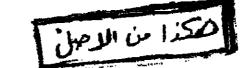
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Bosnian peace force attacked by Karadzic's supporters

he international peace-keeping free in Bosnia was sucked into the irreasingly violent stand-off be-teen the two rival factions in Serblid territory yesterday, as angry owds accused foreign soldiers and plicemen of taking sides and peltd them with stones and batons in rcko and other key towns.

The Nato Stabilisation Force, or For, moved its forces during the ight to positions around police ations in Brcko, Bijeljina and oboj, ostensibly to "defuse tension" ecause of the continuing power ruggle between the Bosnian Serb resident Biljana Plavsic and suporters of the ousted leader and susected war criminal Radovan

In fact, the S-For troops appeared o be protecting Mrs Playsic's at-

stations for herself. Alerted in Brcko by an air raid siren and elsewhere by inflammatory radio messages transmitted from Mr Karadzic's headquarters in Pale, outside Sarajevo, angry crowds soon formed and hegan attacking the peace-keepers.
In Brcko, amid a cacophony of

screams, gun-shots, tear gas volleys and hurtling stones, the S-For troops were forced to retreat from their positions across a bridge. Later, the en-tire contingent of international police, known as the IPTF, was evacuated from the town.

It was not clear how many people were hurt, but there were reports of at least two American soldiers injured and eyewitness reports of civilians bleeding and bruised.

There were reports of similar incidents in other towns. Unconfirmed reports said United Nations vehicles had been set on fire and soldiers hurt in the eastern village of Celopek,

rotective action: S-For soldlers putting up barbed wire defences after between Bijeljina and Zvornik. In Bi-jeljina, the situation was described by one S-For official as "very

In all the confusion, it was not clear whether Mrs Plavsic's supporters had succeeded in taking over the police stations or not. West-

had, and that the resistance was the last noisy protest of a group of hardliners who knew they were on the losing side, but this view could not be independently confirmed.

Mrs Playsic has been gradually extending her power base eastwards from her stronghold in Banja Luka. Her men took over the police station

in Banja Luka just over a week ago with the help of 350 British and Czech troops. Brcko is the pivotal point between the northern and eastern swaths of Serb-held Bosnia and thus is of crucial strategic

The past few days have seen tense stand-offs for control not only of police stations but also of television transmission points.

The international community has made it clear, both diplomatically and military, that it supports Mrs Plavsic. arguing that she seems more willing to implement the Dayton peace accords than her rivals. The public face of Mr Karadzic's faction, the Serb

member of the three-man Bosnian presidency Momcilo Krajisnik, yesterday accused S-For of overstepping its mandate. "S-For has turned into a force that we would not wish to describe as one of occupation, but which is getting very close to that description." Mr Krajisnik told the Yu-

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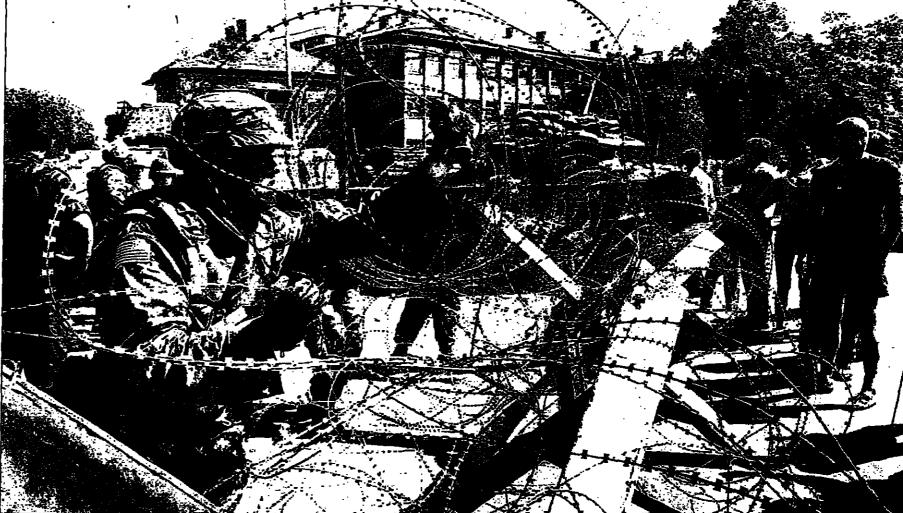
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Autopsy may solve deadly mystery of the Mattei Affair

Andrew Gumbel

After 35 years of silence, disinformation and Cold War paranoia, one of Italy's most intractable post-war mysteries appears to be close to resolution. According to a draft judicial report leaked to the newspaper La Stampa yesterday, there now seems to be definitive proof that Enrico Mattei, founding president of ltaly's state energy giant Eni, was killed in 1962 by a bomb on board his private aircraft and not, as previously asserted, as a iesult of a simple accident.

The latest autopsy on Mr Matter's body has, according to the report, shown "clear signs of ltiple lesions caused by waves form an explosion". Investigators i the so-called Mattei Affair. which has obsessed Italy for yars and was the subject of an ward-winning film by Francesco Isi in the 1970s, can now concorrate on the even more bguiling questions of who or-

dred the killing, and why. Enrico Mattei was a troubling fure for many reasons. He sing-handedly built up Italy's site-owned energy sector, to te fury of Italy's Cold War alis who wanted their private



Enrico Mattel: Report says he was killed by a bomb on his let

the country's oil and natural gas reserves. He forged alliances with Middle Eastern clients of the Soviet Union, gazumped the multinational oil giants by offering better terms for distribution rights, and followed a rigorous price-fixing policy intended to keep petrol and fuel

cheap for Italian consumers. Moreover, Mr Mattei both worked the Italian political system to perfection and also considered himself above it; he once said that he used parties like taxis, "paying what it takes to get where I want to go". He also acted as a one-man ambassador for his country, in particular laying the groundwork for Italy's latompanies to be able to exploit er policy of clientelistic diploregardless of ethical or geopolitical considerations.

His enemies were legion. The US National Security Council described him as an irritation and an obstacle in a classified report from 1958. The French could not forgive him for doing business with the pro-independence movement in Algeria. Responsibility for his death has been laid at the door of every-one from the CIA, to the French extreme-nationalist group, the OAS, to the Sicilian Mafia.

A defence ministry report five months after his death, which was approved by the then minister Giulio Andreotti, concluded that the aircraft had exploded on the ground a few miles short of Milan's Linate airport, not in the air.

Later inquiries were shelved in 1966 and 1974. A journalist who dug into the affair, Mauro Di Mauro, ended up himself dying in mysterious circumstances. Finally, with the Cold War over, the Mafia informer Tommaso Buscetta announced three years ago that Mr Mattei had been killed by Cosa Nostra as a favour to its friends in the US business community. That statement triggered the latest inquiry, including the exhumation of Mr Mattei's corpse.

Kohl and

Jospin

in unity

Bonn (Reuters) — The German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, and

the French Prime Minister, Li-

onel Jospin, tried yesterday to

dispel speculation about dif-

ferences in their approach to

launching a stable single Euro-

pean currency on time.
"Germany and France stand

unconditionally by the agree-ments already made and will do

everything to fulfil the condi-tions for the introduction of the

euro," said a German govern-

ment statement released after

the leaders held talks in Bonn.

im June, shortly after Mr Jospin's

Socialist-led government took power, was cool. Mr Kohl is un-

der pressure from a growing number of political rivals and ai-

lies to ensure that candidates for

economic and monetary union

(EMU) keep budget deficits un-

der strict control, whereas Mr

After the Bonn meeting, the

statement said Mr Kohl and Mr jospin agreed that "the intro-

duction of a stable euro ac-

cording to the timetable in the Maastricht Treaty and with

strict adherence to the stabili-

ty criteria is indispensable for

the future of Europe".

Jospin was elected on an anti-aus-

terity job-creation ticket.

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General Jaime Milans del Bosch was one of the last survivors of

the hardline army officers from the years of the Franco regime. His military career spanned the Spanish Civil War in the mid-1930s, a period fighting as a volunteer for Germany in the Second World War, and years as representative of the Franco regime in Argentina and other Latin American countries, but he will be remembered above all as one of the leaders behind the attempted coup in February 1981 by officers who refused to accept the direction that new democratic rule was giving Spain after Franco's death.

the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, and there were never any doubts as to where his sympathies lay. One of his first experiences as a young officer was to take part in the defence of the fortress of Alcazar of Toledo when the garrison held out for over two months although the rest of the city was in the hands of the Republicans.

olo with Marguerite Duras: their relationship was intellectual and liberal

The resistance of the Francoist troops became a symbol of heroism and sacrifice that was used time and again in Francoist

He was born in Madrid in

1915 into a family which could

boast several generations of mil-

itary men. He graduated as an

infantry lieutenant shortly after

propaganda, and in later years led to a right-wing publication, Alcazar, of which Milans del

Photograph: Sygma

General Jaime Milans del Bosch

Bosch was a director.
So fervently anti-Marxist was the young officer that after the end of the Spanish Civil War he joined the volunteers fighting alongside the Germans on the Eastern front in the División Azul (Blue Division). After the end of the Second World War, he was sent by Franco as military attaché in several Latin American countries where the Fascist example was influential including Argentina, Uru-

gusy, Chile and Paraguay. Back in Spain in the final years of Franco's rule, Milans

Spain. He became commanderin-chief of the crack Brunete armoured division, and in 1977 was named lieutenant-general for the III military region, with headquarters in the eastern city of Valencia. From there he made his scorn for the transition to democratic rule plain in interview after interview, blaming weak politicians for all the country's ills, from unemployment to pornography.

He was still fighting this rear-

del Bosch still showed unswerv-

ing loyalty towards the Generalissimo, who for him continued

to represent the true values of

no, who for him continued

guard action against the de-spised politicans and trade

That night King Juan Carlos appeared on television calling on the armed forces to back his authority. He telephoned Milans del Bosch personally in the early hours of the 24 February to persuade him to remain loyal. Grudgingly, Milans del Bosch stood down his troops. Unable

of 26 years for rebellion, and cashiered from the army. dered all his tanks, armed cars Milans del Bosch was eventually freed in 1991 after serving almost 10 years of his sentence, and afterwards lived quietly in Madrid with his family. Never at any point did he express any regret for his actions, but tried until his final days to be allowed

to regain his position in the army, the only thing that had ever really mattered to him.

Nick Caistor Madrid 26 July 1997. 1876; The Rev William Archibald Spooner, perpetrator of "Spooner-isms", 1930; Earnon de Valera, statesman, 1975; Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1982; Lee Marvin, actor, 1987; Mary Pearson Norton, children's author (of

war, and agreeing the lease of the

of John the Baptist.

Hong Kong territories to Britain 1842; the Sporting Times published an "obituary" for English cricket, and first mentioned "the Ashes", 1882; the Rugby League (originally "Northern Union"), was formed from 21 clubs in the North of England, 1895; the Soviet Union exploded a hydrogen bomb, 1953. Today is the Feast Day of St Edwold of Cerne, St Medericus or Merry, St Sabina of Rome and the Beheading

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Peter Noble

"Gladys Cooper was my first many of Latymer's Boys Choir love - I fell for her when I was in 1927. His first job was as apsix years old"..."It was in prentice to Boots the Chemist Willesden that Tennessee in Cheapside, but childhood vis-Williams trod on my toe" . . . its to the local variety theatres "When I was 12 Bernard Shaw had given him a taste for the gave me a dancing lesson"... stage. At 17, nattily attired in Peter Noble was king of the green shirt, red tie, grey suit and name-droppers, Memory Man tan suedes, he went to the Theof the Movies. One might add, atrical Garden Party. Noel Last of the Great Gossip-Coward took one look at him

Writers for the ever smiling, al-

ways charming Noble never

had a bad word for anyone in

show business, unlike those

who practice this tabloid art to-

day. At the end of his autobi-

ography (he wanted to call it

Master of None, but when the

columnist Jonah Barrington

used it first, he settled for Re-flected Glory), Noble listed all

was only up to 1958.

Jackie Coogan.

became art.

This flickering foundation

for future film fan-dom would

later purify when a friend in-

troduced him to the Film Soci-

ety. Here on monthly Sundays

the young Noble saw for the first

time the true silent classics.

Eisenstein's Battleship Potemkin

(1925) from Russia and The

Cabinet of Dr Caligari (1919)

from Germany. Entertainment

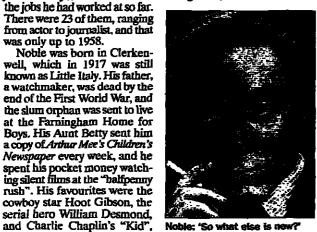
he made his first BBC broad-

cast, one voice lost among the

Noble was 12 years old when

semble!" Despite that, the two later became friends. Like many thinking young men at the time, Noble went to the Unity Theatre at King's Cross where the mighty Paul Robeson sang and acted in a political piece called Plant in the Sun. ("I sat next to Michael Redgrave", he was fond of re-

and said, "What a delightful en-



calling.) Noble immediately joined the company, did his first acting in a political travesty of Babes in the Wood, and toured in the famous Waiting for Leftv. ("With John Slater, Alfie Bass and Bill Owen - when he was still Rowbotham!") In 1939 Noble narrated Symphony of Youth in an open-air production in Brockwell Park. Joss of the Star caricatured him; Noble

bought 25 copies. With the start of the Second World War, Noble, using his chemistry training, volunteered as a stretcher bearer in Civil Defence. One day a wall collapsed on him, and that was the end of his weekly wage of £2 18s 5d. He returned to the stage as Strindberg's rapist butler in Miss Julie opposite Marcella Salzer, and

a first flutter in films followed. Noble's screen roles were so small that he seldom rated mention in the credits. He was an auxiliary fireman supporting Tommy Trinder in Ealing's *The Bells Go Down* (1942), the head boy of an acting school in Gainsborough's version of Tommy Handley's top radio series It's That Man Again (1943), a prisoner of war in Powell and Pressburger's The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943), and a bewhiskered musical hall chairman in Butcher's Variety Jubilee (1943). A larger appearance in a smaller picture was The House of Dr Belhomme, a B-movie which ran out of mon-

ey and eventually turned up in

1947 as Escape Dangerous. On

the film he co-starred with

Marianne Stone, the actress

who became his second wife the

Noble tried his hand at composing music, and the song You Do Things To Me" sung by the Welsh comedienne Mandie Edwards in the Will Hay comedy My Learned Friend (1943) was by him, as were all the songs in the very minor, virtually unseen musical film Walking on Air (1946). This starred a shy, slender newcomer Patsy Sloots; Noble suggested she re-

name herself and as Susan Shaw she swiftly shot to stardom. Years later Noble would return to films, this time behind the camera. He worked as associate producer on The Runaway Bus (1954), a starring vehicle for the young Frankie Howerd, To Dorothy a Son (1954), with Shelley Winters, Lost (1955) with David Farrar, and Fun At St Fanny's (1956) which was built

dio was so cold that Godfrey around Cardew "The Cad" Robinson, with the fat Fred Winn lent me his black overcoat it was lined with mink!") Emney as the plump Dr Jankers.

Then came the television Noble co-wrote the screen play. years. Current Release, bosted by But the real career of Peter John Fitzgerald, used Noble as Noble, show business iournaltheir film star interviewer. His ist, writer and film historian began in 1946 – 1945 if we include first was the teenager Joan his first book, Transatlantic Jazz. Collins. ("I got just one crit", recalled Noble, "Peter Noble seems to need a haircut!"). An incredible number of oneoff paperbacks flew from his This series led to The Other typewriter during those post-war Screen (1956) on Associatedyears. Small companies like Pendulum Publications issued Rediffusion, the first London commercial station, followed by his series of shilling film quiz Film Fanfare (1957) every week on ABC-TV. He was seen on a books, and even a Peter Noble Film Book Club was launched quiz panel with Richard Todd. with cinema books sent to Glynis Johns and Hollywood's members on subscription. June Havoc.

There was Spotlight on Film-land, Screen Survey (20 star bi-ographies with stills), Hollywood Noble's biggest television hit was as a panellist on the game show Find the Link (1955), Screen Stars, and on the heavier side, biographies of Orson teamed with Moira Lister, Jo Welles, Bette Davis, Erich von Stroheim and Ivor Novello. He Douglas and Kenneth Home. ("I took Gilbert Harding's advice edited magazines called Cine-ma Monthly and Film Quarterif you can't sing, act, dance or be funny, then television is the ly. He wrote the first book to place to make your name!") It treat black cinema seriously, The made Noble's, and he went on Negro in Films (1947), and made his greatest contribution to chair the all-girl chatterama, Yaketry-Yak (1956), perhaps the to the history of the medium with the first ever British Film Year Book, which started in first feminist chat show, which sported the glamour queens Thérèse Burton, Shirley Ann 1946 with an introduction by the Field and Carole Leslie. Later in tycoon J. Arthur Rank and life he would return to television continues in differing form to quiz games on the nostalgia this day. This first volume is a show Looks Familar (1980). true collectors' item, with its de-Collie Knox, the famous

tailed history of British cinema newspaper critic, called Noble and a near complete listing of "Britain's walking encyclopaeall the feature films produced during the Second World War. dia of films" when he introduced "Can You Beat the This massive amount of work Expert", a new regular feature made Noble the best known to the monthly magazine ABC name in popular screen jour-Film Review in March 1951. nalism, seconded only by Ray-Readers' tricky questions were mond Leader, the pen name he pulled out of the hat and Nowas forced to use when his ble's off-the-cuff answers were taken down and published. The quently. Soon he was broadfirst was an easy one - "What casting regularly in the BBC's was Alfred Hitchcock's first Film Time, where he resided for American film?" - as Noble had four years, and Luxembourg's recently written on Hitch for the Movie Magazine, hosted by Wil-British Film Institute. *Rebecfrid Thomas and sponsored by ca", came the answer. But he

TER NOBLE'S DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FILMS AND FILM STARS? AMERICA'S FASCINATING NEW GAME DEAL FOR PARTIES ND TRAIN OURNEYS 500 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON

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identified Things To Come as George Sanders first film. The answer should have been Strange Cargo, but even the editor got this wrong, giving the date as 1929 when it should have been 1936!

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Eventually Noble's writings disappeared from the public's prints, for he was signed as columnist for the trade paper Daily Film Renter. This later conjoined with Today's Cinema to form a new glossy weekly, Screen International, on 6 September 1975. Noble was appointed editor. But far from fading out, his gossip writing grew. At last he was legitimately part of cinema showbiz. His weekly column, called "In was eventually caught by Mr Confidence", name-dropped at

Atkinson of Sheffield when he a rate of one per line, it seemed the first one embracing Herbert Lom, Michael Winner, oldtimer Sebastian Shaw's return, Harry Alan Towers setting up two productions abroad, and Tony Hancock's widow Freddie running a Brook Street Bureau in San Francisco. Noble wrote his last column on 11 September 1992, when with some reluctance he retired. He signed off, as ever, with his catchphrase: "So what else is new?".

Denis Gifford

Peter Noble, actor, producer, songwriter, journalist, writer and broadcaster: born London 18 July 1917; married first Sylvia Durham, second Marianne Stone (two daughters); died London I7

Dionys Mascolo

Dionys Mascolo was a largely self-educated son of poor Italian immigrants and one of the most original thinkers of his generation. He lived up to his pagan name: ni dieu, ni maître was his motto - neither god nor master. And, I might add, neither the devil himself. Yet his Dionysian nature was always tempered by Apollonian criti-

own appeared rather too fre-

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cal and rational discipline. Thus he became Marguerite Duras's lover in 1942: but their relationship was intellectual and liberal. Duras had married the polemical theorist and writer Robert Antelme in 1939, but their only child had died at birth. She wanted a child by Mascolo, and Antelme agreed. It was all highly civilised. The three of them continued living together in Duras's celebrated apartment in the Rue Saint-Benoît, and even after a friendly divorce from Anselme they still shared the same abode. The lover waited until the divorce was over in 1946 before giving Duras a son, Jean,

In all their dealings the three were lucid, but never cold. In a recent inerview, Mascolo said: "We were against marriage, against normal education. against the church, against the very concept of 'family'." But he exonerated Duras, because of her aveugle lucidité (blind lucidity) that made the feminine element in her long for a child. Indeed in the same interview he went on to describe how the feminine creative element is essential to all artists who want to leave behind them work that will endure and not be just an object for sale in the supermarket. He cites musicians and composers as being supreme ex-

amples of masculine/feminine duality, and poets as more female than male in their broad humanity, which disappears entirely in those men who lust only for power, money and position

Marguerite Duras's apartment became during the Occupation a rendezvous for resistants. Communists and writers like Edgar Morin, Alio Vittorini and his wife Ginetta, Claude Roy, Georges Bataille. Maurice Blanchot and many others. It was tvoical of th cool-headed humanist conviction that they thought of themselves, not as "comrades" (with all its nationalistic and militaristic connotations) but simply as "friends" - almost the equivalent in spiritual and intellectual terms of the Quaker Society of Friends.

One of these friends went under the name of Jacques Morand, the future president of France, François Mitterrand. Mascolo joined him in the Resistance under the pseudonym of "Lieutenant Masse". Edgar Morin led a national movement of ex-prisoners of war and deported anti-Nazis, and in 1944 Mascolo began editing their underground journal,

L'Homme libre. Meanwhile, Duras had been working as a secretary, and in 1943 published her first book, Les Impudents. Mascolo worked as a reader for Gallimard, and it was he who introduced her next work, La Vie tranquille (1944) to that distinguised firm. In the same year, both Duras and Mascolo, under the influence of Morin, joined the PCF (French Communist Party). Antelme had been arrested by the

unions into the 1980s. It seemed

his chance had come when, on

23 February 1981, the civil

guard Colonel Antonio Tejero

seized the parliament building

in Madrid and called on King

Juan Carlos to dissolve parlia-

ment. Milans del Bosch or-

and troops out on to the streets,

ready to back any revolt.

Gestapo, betrayed by French informers, and deported to Dachau. He was held there even after the end of the war, as an outbreak of typhus kept the camp in quarantine.

In March 1945, Mascolo went with Mitterrand, who was on the new government's investigative mission to Germany, to Dachau and secretly obtained Antelme's release. This adventure was commemorated by Duras in La Douleur (1985).

er and issued Mascolo's first book, an essay on the revolutionary St Just (1946). The "rue Saint-Benoît Group" became disillusioned with Communism following Stalin's purges in Hungary and the trial of Laszlo Rajk, accused of "Titoism". Mascolo responded by writing Le Communisme (1953) for which he was condemned as a

"revisionist" by the party. During the 1950s, Dionys Mascolo's political engagement made him a contestataire in the struggles against imperialism and colonialism. When the war in Algeria broke out in 1955, he founded, with Edgar Morin and the poet Louis-Rene des Forêts, a committee of liberal French authors opposed to the conflict. Mascolo called it "The major event in the history of political conscience in France in the 20th century". He became a guiding spirit behind the 1960 "Manifesto of the 121" entitled "Déclaration sur le droit à l'insoumission dans la guerre d'Algérie" ("Declarion of the Right to Insubordination in the War

in Algeria"). This was my first encounter with Mascolo's anarchist-

to avoid responsibility for his part

in the upraing, he was dismissed

from his command later the

same day. In March 1981, he was

tried along with 24 other military

officers and given a jail sentence

pacifist stance. I had always believed insubordination and refusal to recognise all authority was the natural condition of a free spirit - neither a "duty" nor a "right" but something all sane men were born with. It included the right to refuse to bear arms against one's fellow men, and to encourage desertion from the armed forces. To that end. Mascolo had formed with Morin a Committee of Resistance to the Return of De Gaulle to Power, with its own

only three numbers. Mascolo and his friends remained defiant rebels against the self-satisfied 1960s, the strug 1970s and the money-mad 1980s. They supported students in their May 1968 and October 1986 protest movements. The rest of his life was devoted to philosophy, and it is regrettable

that he published so little. His long love affair with Duras was remembered in Autour d'un effort de mémoire ("An Attempt at a Memoir") in 1987. In 1993 he published A la recherche d'un communisme de pensec, prefaced by the novelist and essayist Maurice Blanchot in a tribute to the author entitled "Pour l'amitié". Mascolo was responsible, with Maurice de Gandillac, for Gallimard's addition of the works of Nietzsche, who first made the contrast between Dionys and Apollo, and called Goethe the Dionysian man". Dionys Mascolo was such a man.

James Kirkup Dionys Mascolo, writer and political activist: born 1916; (one

son by Marguerite Duras); died

Paris 20 August 1997.



Jaime Milans del Bosch y Ussia, army officer: born Madrid 8 June 1915; married Amparo Portoles y Balaguer (three sons); died

Willoughby Pountney

If few countries can boast sub a rich regional musical lifess Britain, this is surely a legactif the vision, skills and energiof figures like Willoughby Poptney who, first in Birminglum and Oxford, then later on ribe West Country, played a pirtal role in bringing professibal repertoire and standard to three generations of perfuners and listeners.

Born in Birmingham in 110. he became a founder mener of the BBC Midland Chrus with whom he participated in many first live broadcast erformances in the FortiesAt the same time, as Director hd Honorary Secretary of he Midland Music Club, he evealed himself to be an tistanding young imprestio presenting figures like Hoamin Britten, Francis Poulec, the singer Peter Pears, he oboist Leon Goossens, the di-ductor Edward Downes ad the duettists Cyril Smith Phyllis Sellick

In 1945 he moved to fordshire, and was for 30 yers a lay-clerk at New College, k ford under David Lum and Edward Higginbottch whilst continuing to demi-strate his ability as a gifd conductor through his assoc tion with the Royal Military Q-

lege of Science at Shrivenhal Those who largely renounce conventional career opport nities to fulfil the exacting a unsocial hours required of church chorister and freelar conductor receive but mode remuneration, but Pountry successfully supported his lif



ountney: men of vision

long passion for music-making through work as an independent sales representative and latter-

ly as a civil servant. On retirement in 1976 he settled in Clevedon, North Somerset where he deputised as a lay-clerk at Bristol Cathedral; Nailsea Choral Society, signing off with a magnificent performance of Elijah on his 80th

birthday. To have been such an accomplished and versatile soldist and choral singer for some 70 years would alone distinguish him, but it is arguably as a cheal conductor that this reserved and dignified man was of oitstanding significance, coffidently leading his singers ad audiences away from paradelof over-familiar war-horses ito the stimulating world of lifeknown masterpieces by Diser,

Schütz, Respighi, Poulec. Janácek, Jonathan Harvey nd many more. Pountney's exciting imaginative programmes drive from a lifetime of performs

works under some of Brital's greatest conductors and chposers not only attracted wiespread critical acclaim but so indirectly transformed the m sical climate of a considerale area through their invigorate influence on other choirs' proach to selecting conce repertoire.

Yet this was no impetud dreamer; here was a man of sion who planned far aber skilfully budgeted each se son's innovative concerts, no er missed or misused rehears: hired his own players, wrote fr programme notes and deliven the publicity: a consumna

maestro and impresario. Few musicians can have earned greater respect over longer period than di Willoughby Pountney. He wi be fondly remembered by ma sicians of all ages across the country as one who inspired and led by example with his dedig cation, scholarship and tireles spirit of enterprise.

Andrea Argent

Edward Willoughby Pountney civil servant and musician: born Birmingham 27 April 1910; twice: married (one son, one daughter); died Clevedon, Somerset 11-August 1997.

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

Lord Attenborough, actor, producer and director, 74; Professor Laing Barden, Vice Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 66; Dr Yvonne Burac, Headmistress City of London School for Girls, 50; Sir Julius Chan, former prime minister, Papua New Guinea, 58; Mr Michael Clarke, Keeper, National Gallery of Scotland, 45; Mr Robert Cormack, former ambassador to Sweden, 62; Dame Mary Donaldson.

former, and first woman Lord Mayor of London, 76; Sir Nigel Fonlkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Au-thority, 78; Mr Elliott Gould, actor, 59, Mr Thom Gmm, poet, 68; Mr Lenny Henry, comedian, 39; Lord Hussey of North Bradley, former BBC chairman, 74; Miss Angela Huth, writer, 59; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 39: Lord King of Wartna-by, president of British Airways, 79; by, president of British Artways, 19; Mr Tony Newton, former government minister, 60; Mr Denniss Pinn, for-

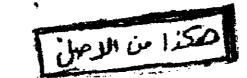
Mr Norman Platt, former artistic director and founder of Kent Opera, 77; Mr Greg Pope MP, an Assistant Whip, 37; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild & Sons. 66; Mr Frank Roy MP, 39; Ms Geraldine Smith MP, 36; Mr Dick Spring, Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, 47.

Anniversaries Births: Jean-Baptiste Colbert, statesman and founder of the French

Navy. 1619; John Locke, philosopher, 1632; Jean-Auguste-Dominique In-gres, painter, 1780; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, 1809; John Leech, caricatorist and illustrator, 1817; Maurice-Polydore Marie-Bernard Macterlinck, poet and playwright, 1862; Jack (Weldon Leo) Teagarden, jazz musician, vo-callst and bandleader, 1905; Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1915. Deaths: John Fletcher, playwright, 1625; Louis Couperin, composer, 1661; Felicien-Cesar David, composer,

The Borrowers), 1992. On this day: the Spanish fleet was defeated by Edward III at Winchelsea, 1350; the Factory Act, regulating the employment of children, was passed, 1833; the city of Mcibourne, Australia, was founded, 1835; the Treaty of Nanking was signed, ending the Angle-Chinese

telephoning the following Sabbath begins in London at 7.39pm.



Willoughby Pountney

It's a matter of life and death, Mr Trimble

n a few days, the people of Scotland and Wales go to the polls to say what they think of passing limited powers of government from London to Edinburgh and Cardiff. At first blush, it seems curious that the early days of the Government should be dominated by unfinished business from 18 years ago, rerunning the disastrous referen-dums of 1979. This is, after all, New Labour, quite unconnected with the failed policies and ideas of the past. But the truth is that devolution was not a failed policy, simply a difficult one, and it is essential that the business of devolution be completed. One of the most serious charges in the court of history against the Conservative Party is that it failed in 18 years to make the longoverdue adjustment within the United Kingdom to the principle of self-determination which has spread, with liberal democracy, across the globe.

There are other parts of the United Kingdom, however, where this process of adjustment needs to be completed. Yesterday the cause of Cornish nationalism suffered a setback as one of its poets was found to be freely plagiarising Scottish verses. But today the adjustment process in Northern Ireland takes an infinitely more important and more serious step forward.

Sinn Fein and the IRA have long sustained their claim to a united Ireland by appealing to the principle of selfdetermination, in their case of the

people of the whole island of Ireland. Tony Blair has been criticised for promising too many referendums. If anything, he should be taken to task for promising too few. In addition to next month's votes in Scotland and Wales, there is an urgent need to hold referendums on Northern Ireland's future both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic. This is the best way, ultimately, to undercut Sinn Fein's pretence to the high moral ground, because the one thing that would not come out of such a simultaneous referendum would be a mandate for a united Ireland. The majority in the north want to remain part of the United Kingdom, while the majority in the south do not want to absorb the north at the price of taking on a mirror image of the last 25 years of violence.

The only referendums in which Sinn Fein could win a Yes vote for a united Ireland would be in west Belfast and (possibly) New York. So an all-Ireland test of opinion would puncture the romance of Gerry Adams's claim to be fighting for the right of self-determination. Once the end point of the "peace process" is defined in this way, as "not a united Ireland", it is difficult to see why Sinn Fein and the IRA are so keen on talks, and the Ulster Unionists so reluctant. This is the underlying reason why David McKittrick, our Ireland editor, expressed optimism last week



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Ulster Unionist Party, has yet to step up on to the pedestal provided, before our optimism is justified. Yesterday, he continued to keep his options open and his guard guarded, but the fact that he is talking to the Prime Minister about how talks with Sinn Fein might take place, rather than telling the world from the steps of Downing Street why they will not, is already a half-step up.

Today, Marjone Mowlam is expected to announce that the IRA ceasefire qualifies Sinn Fein to take part in the talks. It is certainly true that, so far, the

But David Trimble, the leader of the from the first in that there have been no punishment beatings or low-level gangsterism carried out under its

fringes.
The critical outstanding issue is that of the IRA's refusal to surrender weapons. Mr Trimble stands on a firm platform of public opinion - across the UK - by stressing the repugnance of talking to terrorists or their apologists while they reserve the right to resort to violence. But Mr Blair, quite rightly, is putting pressure on him to compromise on the real-world grounds that there is no alternative. (In passing, it is worth about the prospects for lasting peace. second ceasefire has been different pouring a dose of heavy scepticism over

ex-spy David Shayler's claim that MI5 could have "finished off" the IRA - the only way to stem republican violence is to "finish off" the social and ideological conditions in which it

flourishes.)
While Mr Blair and Dr Mowlam are under an obligation to come up with procedural devices and forms of words to finesse the weapons issue, the primary responsibility, not just to the Unionist population but to posterity, lies with Mr Trimble. All his career he has played the role of hardliner, the risk-averse route to the top in Unionist politics, but now is the moment to take a risk for peace. Throughout the Unionist community in Northern Ireland, there is a desire that talks with Sinn Fein take place. A sea-change has occurred in the attitudes of a community accustomed to achieving its goals by boycott, abstention and obstruction. Mr Trimble's risk is that the change has not permeated so far through the ranks of his own party. But he has cleverly launched a consultation exercise beyond the ranks of his party which

could cover his entry into talks. We cannot know the precise nature of any settlement that may come out of such talks, although two elements are obvious. One is that Northern Ireland will remain part of the United Kingdom; the other is that it will have a special relationship with the Irish Republic. We do not know whether a

settlement could be hammered out by next May, the deadline Mr Blair has set for talks, but it is worth having such a deadline, and bearing in mind the prospect of Irish referendums at the end of the process.

No one suggests that next month's votes in Scotland and Wales are unimportant, but the process leading to a referendum on Northern Ireland is a matter of life and death. It is up to Mr Trimble to begin it.

Three wheels on my wagon ...

I'll Never Catch On, part 76. "Let's ride," you can imagine American roadhogs exclaim as they leap into their Mustang, Bronco ... or Reliant Robin. Now the three-wheeler, butt of British humour since its launch in 1935, is poised for a US sales drive. Relaunched as a battery-powered vehicle, its makers hope to flog it to environment-conscious Californians. (Green footnote: battery-powered cars are good for local smogs, but produce just as much greenhouse gas unless they are recharged with wind-turbine-generated electricity.) Los Angeles may be ready for many things, but we suspect that Reliant Robins are not about to hit the freeways in large numbers. Not unless they put tail-fins on.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Soviet-style 'boot camp' for priests

Sir: The description of the Stroud reformatory for Catholic priests as a "boot camp" is a rare flash of unguarded honesty from the Catholic Media Office - and is all the more welcome for that ("Gay priest reveals secret of Catholic

'boot camp'", 27 August).
Stroud's existence as a centre for therapy, however, is nothing to be proud of. What other institution would dump together men with addictive problems, frequently precipitated by loneliness; paedophiles, always in a class of their own in any setting, men who have abusive relationships with women; men suffering mental illness because they are required to believe that a deep, loving relationship with a woman is incompatible with their priesthood; and men with homosexual relationships; to name just some categories? How can it possibly claim any integrity? It is symptomatic of an ideology that knows it can cling on only by duress and resembles more something from the era of the Soviet Union than from the lifetime and ministry of Christ.

Many of these men are the final victims of a hierarchical system that insists on a model of priesthood male and celibate - which no longer has any credibility except in its own eyes. The image of God which the Strond regime suggests is horrific. One reason why many men refuse to put themselves forward for the priesthood is because, however strong their calling to ordained ministry, they do not believe that God requires them to distort their humanity in the way that has created so many profoundly unhappy men whom

the hierarchy then hides away. Hiding its weaknesses, as it defines them, is a besetting sin of the institutional Catholic Church. As all the other Christian traditions tussle in the public eye with the issue of clergy who are actively gay, I wonder when the Catholic Church will admit that there is a flourishing gay culture among our own clergy - as any honest bishop would tell you. MIS JACKIE HAWKINS Ruislip Manor, Middlesex

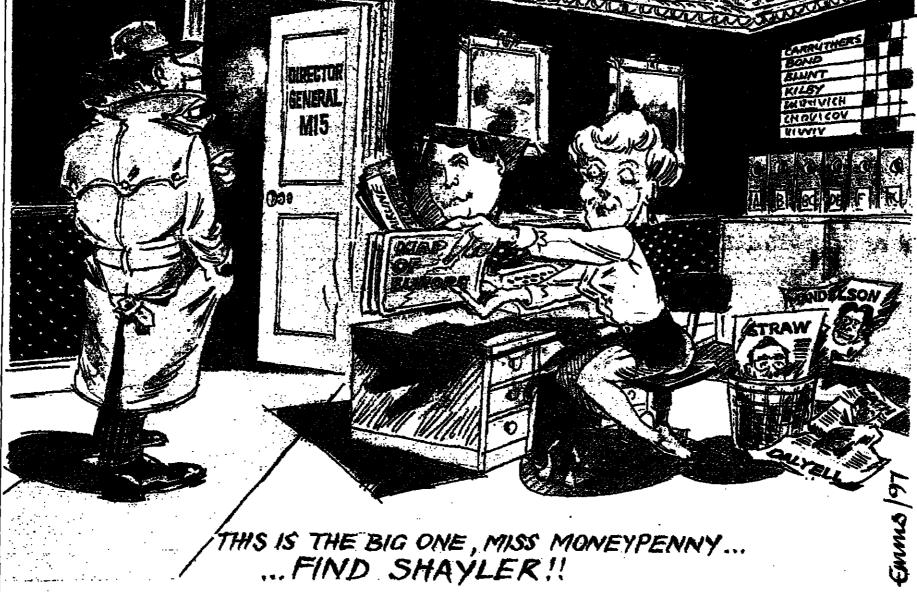
Sir. My experience of others revealing the secrets of the Roman Catholic "boot camp" at Stroud is that they are diligently sought out to account for their revelations. I hope your correspondent may evade detection.

Reports of child sex abuse by prices and religious have rightly rocked the Roman Church. Its past complacency caused much unnecessary suffering. The effect of so many stories breaking within a short period means that some priest friends of mine in Ireland no longer wear their dog collars. What was once a magic key to every heart has now become a spur to verbal and sometimes physical abuse from a distilusioned people.

The Roman hierarchy is still in shock. It has developed a strategy of openness and candour that it hopes will restore the confidence of the people. At the sharp end of this policy is the priest who has "failed".

The Roman Church has yet to reach a balanced perspective on the whole matter of its sexually active cierics. The once overprotected priest has now become guilty on the slimmest suggestion

or gossip.
In some dioceses the "child protection teams" set up as a



reaction to the horror stories have acquired the status of the Holy Inquisition. They beg parishes to shop their priest - to report any and all sins. In one parish I know of where the gay priest was "suspected", the diocesan child protection team begged for information to damn the man. When they received none they

blamed the people for their laxness. The Roman Church was strong to hide its evil priests; it is doing a double injustice to its clergy now because it is so afraid. Fear has always been the enemy of truth. The Kev MARITN REYNOLDS

The writer is an Anglican priest

Sir: I know two "graduates" of Stroud who were sent there because of their alcoholism; one still drinks, the other is possibly the gentlest, kindest person I know, who was genuinely reborn at

Stroud over the months.

Stroud cannot be judged on the basis of one week's residence. My friend's eyes are alive and sparkling with a distinct absence of manic stare. But while defending the institution, I admit that one hears that there is a "class distinction" there between the drinkers and the men with an altar-boy problem. This is born, I suspect, out of the homophobia which is still present in the attitudes of many in the church and which regards homosexuality and paedophilia as

virtually synonymous.

Gay men should not be sent to Stroud. Equally, if they have been blessed with a vocation and ordained, they should ideally acknowledge their sexuality but also embrace celibacy. PAUL SMITH London N5

Sir: You publish an account by a priest of his week at Stroud, which rings true to what many know

Unfortunately, along with his factual report he includes a rumour about two people I know well which is cruelly inaccurate: it is true that four years ago one of the resident. priests committed suicide. The frigger was not an abortion, but the simple fact that his girlfriend lost their baby through "natural causes"

exactly four years ago today.
In fact, "natural causes" hides the truth that this woman, who had to abandon her job and her house because of a difficult pregnancy, was strongly discouraged from seeing the baby's father. When she insisted, she found him reduced and broken, but was prevented. from speaking to him alone. Soon after this, she lost the baby, and a week later she lost him. The Rev JOHN KELLY

Centuries old

Sir: Correspondence on past longevity (Letters, 22, 26 August) reminds me of an ancestor, Elizabeth Hobbs, who, as recorded on her tombstone at Little Wilbraham, near Cambridge, had lived in three centuries, the 17th, 18th and 19th, when she died in 1803 at the age of 104. What was a rare achievement 200 years ago will doubtless be celebrated by many on the turn of this century. DAVID BUTLER Oxford

Citizenship for our colonies

Sir: It is reported that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has ordered a review of Britain's

relations with its colonies. A measure that would restore confidence would be to give back to colonial citizens the parity of citizenship that as citizens of the UK and Colonies they formerly enjoyed with UK citizens.
The British Nationality Act

(1981), which reclassified those of us connected with the UK as British citizens, created a new British Dependent Territories citizenship for colonials, which does not give a right of abode in Britain. This was entirely because of the perceived need to stop immigration from Hong Kong. The few thousand other remaining colonial citizens were not seen to

present a problem. Full British citizenship has since been accorded to Falkland islanders. With Hong Kong no longer being a British colony - and yet another designation of British National (Overseas) having been devised for its citizens who wish to retain a form of British nationality there can be no rational impediment to giving full British citizenship to our few remaining coloniais. DEREK W PARTRIDGE

London SE16 The writer was head of the treaty and nationality department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1984 to 1986

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e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk. E-mail correspondents are asked to give a postal address. Letters may be

edited for length and clarity. We regret we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.

Cruel to be 'kind' to cats

Sir: Your juxtaposition of cat-related photographs by Richard Billingham depicting dysfunctional family life in Britain ("Son's stark portrait of a family at war", 25 August) vividly shows how this nation of alleged "animal lovers"

often treats its pets. One photo shows a cat in midair. presumably having been thrown across a room, while another shows the intimidating figure of Billingham's mother tenderly

ecding a tiny kitten with a pipette. Your article states: "the emaining impression is one of horror, squalor, but also occasional compassion". I assume this choice of photos was selected to portray

eague rescued more than 67,000 homeless and abused cats and kittens – and it is certain that the vast majority of those started life like that kitten but ended up like that cat.

It is fortunate that these impressive photographs will go on public display at The Royal Academy on 18 September, right in the middle of our fifth National Cat Week (15-21 September). This unexpected but vivid portrayal of feline abuse is both timely and, unhappily, deadly accurate. MIKE McCAWLEY Chief Executive The Cats Protection League Horsham, West Sussex

parties. To the Kurds it sends the this perception when, in fact, it illustrates exactly the opposite. Last year the Cats Protection message that Turkey has powerful friends in Europe who are more concerned about military and commercial links with a Nato ally than peace. By halting the Musa Anter Peace Train, Germany is

Turkey.

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helping to prolong the suffering of the Kurdish people. The UK government should pursue within the European Union both the matter of the infringement of the rights of its own citizens and the EU's failed policy of gently persuading Turkey to improve its human rights record. ESTELLA SCHMID; FRANCES D'SOUZA, director Article 19: CHRISTINE BLOWER, NUT President; DAVID MCDOWALL. Lord REA; Lord HYLTON; JOHN AUSTIN MP; CYNOG DAFIS MP; MICHAEL FPENEY, Refugee adviser to Cardinal Hume; TOM COX MP; RUDI VIS MP; JUDITH VIDAL HALL; Lord AVEBURY; HAROLD

Kurdish peace

Sir: As participants and supporters

initiative, we are deeply concerned by the statement by the Minister of the Interior of the Federal

Republic of Germany that the train will be stopped at the Belgian

movement of citizens, enshrined in

secure a peaceful and just political

solution to the Kurdish question in

Germany's decision encourages

negotiations with Knrdish political

border. This is a serious

curtailment of the freedom of

European Union law. More

seriously, it obstructs efforts to

the Turkish state to refuse any

of the Musa Anter Peace Train

train plea

Labour silences dissident Scots

Sir: Sir Bruce Pattullo, governor of the Bank of Scotland, has been vilified for drawing attention to the long-term dangers of higher taxation in Scotland and his bank is now being blackmailed because he exercised his right of free speech. Tommy Craham MP has been pressured into cancelling the press conference designed to clear his name. The report on alleged corruption in Glasgow has been shelved until after the devolution referendum on 11 September. There is no doubt that Labour opponents of devolution, and there are many, are being pressured into staying silent. Is this democracy?

This morning (28 August) Donald Dewar, Secretary of State for Scotland, sacked me from the Scottish Economic Council, no doubt being aware of my involvement in Think Twice and as a warning to other industrialists to

shut up.
Think Twice was formed to promote democratic debate and to argue for a No, No vote. We have been denied any form of government assistance and, in particular, free postage, on the grounds that the debate is not political. The Government has, however, obviously used large sums of taxpayers' money to promote their case. Is this democracy?

Many of the letters I have received make it clear that the donors did not vote Conservative last May and come from people who believe the arguments of Alex Salmond MP, leader of the Scottish National Party, that a Labourdominated Scottish parliament is a stepping-stone to independence and a break-up of the UK. Sir MATTHEW GOODWIN Treasurer, Think Twice Glasgow

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Babies saved from rubella

Sir: Your article "The truth about the MMR jab" (26 August) raises important concerns, and Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, supports the need for further research. However, it should be emphasised that the rubella vaccine has been highly successful in reducing the incidence of rubella in pregnant women, and the consequent devastating effects on unborn children.

Between 1990 and 1995, fewer than 25 babies were born in the United Kingdom with congenital rubella syndrome (CRS). This contrasts with 360 between 1971 and 1975. Many of these children were born both deaf and blind, often with additional heart, brain and physical impairments, and facing enormous challenges in coming to terms with the world. RODNEY CLARK Chief Executive

Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association London N3

Military manners Sir: It was inevitable that the Army would soften its treatment of recruits (report, 25 August), but it is sad that we may never hear again an angry sergeant abusing an awkward recruit with "Why did your muvver have you? Was it just

o annoy me?" Mindless abuse to some, no doubt, but others may feel a tinge of sorrow at the passing of a tradition, J K C HENDERSON Fetcham, Surrey

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Britain has its first ever

Minister for Public Health

in Tessa Jowell, who is

seeking to prevent illness

by ending 'social exclusion'.

Jeremy Laurance

accompanied her to

Birmingham where he

found a few worthy projects

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a Jowell with local GP Stephen Field on a visit to the Bellevue Medical Centre and its surrounding estate in Birmingham

lessa Jowell, stopping dead in the street The entourage of health authority officials, civil servants, doctors and health visitors following the Minister for Public Health stops too. Obediently, we scan the ground for used condoms, syringes or worse - evidence of last night's activity in this unsavoury corner of inner-city Birmingham. But Ms Jow-ell's gaze is raised to the tower block in

Its upper floors apparently aban-doned, it rises behind another "blinded" three-storey building with doors and windows boarded up. It takes a secondor two to follow the minister's gaze, and then we see it - a balcony, half-way up the tower, festooned with plant pots. Geraniums and spider plants in profusion indicate, not just a human pres-ence, but a human imagination pitted

That shows the strength of the human spirit," observes Ms Jowell. There is a respectful pause, a murmur of assent, and then the entourage moves on.

This sort of thing impresses the natives. Ms Jowell is warm, committed and transparently sincere - and she charms everyone she meets. A health visitor whose project she has come to inspect is almost speechless with delight. A solemn GP expresses frank surprise at the seriousness with which his views are sought and, apparently, heard.

The minister is in Birmingham to

begin the process of putting flesh on the bones of the Government's pledge to tackle health inequalities. Last week, Peter Mandelson announced that he would be chairing a new cabinet committee set up to examine ways of overcoming social exclusion. Ms Jowell is already out gathering the material that will, in time, shape the new policy.

Labour urgently needs this material to prove that its pledge is more than just warm words. As the honeymoon with the electorate comes to an end, critics are questioning how much the Minister for Public Health, Britain's first, can

achieve without a budget of her own. When challenged on the lack of money, the minister's normally sweet demeanour acquires a steely edge. She brusquely dismisses any suggestion of a threat to her credibility. "We start by saying we are going to do it [tackle inequalities] and then we set about doing it. That is a defining aspect of this government. Today is about charting that journey. There are no short-term solutions. It will take a long time and require sustained and determined

So how is it to be done? The journey today begins in a leisure centre on the fringes of a deprived area of Birming ham where seriously overweight, unfit people who would never have contemplated visiting a gym are being enticed into twice-weekly sessions on an exer-cise bike by an innovative scheme known as "exercise on prescription". Instead of writing out prescriptions for drugs, local GPs can now prescribe a series of sessions at the centre, and patients get personal attention from trained experts who devise individual programmes to suit them.

Ms Jowell, wearing a powder blue shift dress, poses gamely for photographers astride an exercise bike, trying to preserve her dignity while chatting to Cath Hughes, a large, cheerful lady of 48 who has suffered from arthritis for 10 years, and Ann Clough, 52, who has reduced her weight from 17 stones to 11 stones since coming to the centre. Both are now enthusiastic and regular attenders. Ms Hughes said: "I had never been in a gym before, I hadn't the confidence. I thought you needed to get into a leotard first."

The minister was impressed. Here was an example of needy people being helped to use a normal public facility that they would never otherwise have visited. Overcoming social exclusion was not about providing some expen-sive, specialist facility which perpetuated the exclusion. Nor was it just about poverty. It was about helping the 30 per cent of people who felt excluded from society by creating routes back into the mainstream.

Outside the centre, she said: "These are women for whom exercise and getting into exercise kit are as alien as paragliding. They are people who are as unfit as it is possible to measure who can't walk 50 yards on the flat with-out getting out of breath – and who, without help, will become chronically disabled in later life. The task for government is understanding how to clear the pathways that will take people into facilities that already exist.

"Creating routes into the main-stream" could become Tessa Jowell's mantra. She repeated the phrase several times during the day. It is also, helpfully, low cost. Spending should be required only at the margin, because all the facilities are already there.

All the Government's efforts, if you look at how they develop in practice, are about finding routes into the mainstream, she says.

he idea fits with the personality. Ms Jowell is a naturally inclusive politician. She has an uncanny knack of making whoever she is talking to feel that they are the only person in the world for her at that moment. It is a quality that can be misinterpreted. especially by men. She is a tactile (more than a tactical) politician, which is what makes her so effective on these walkabouts, greeting strangers with a squeeze of the arm, hugging former col-leagues and listening with the practised care of a psychiatric social worker (she qualified as one in the early Seventics, and was later assistant director of the mental health charity Mind).

But she is also hard-working, determined and ambitious; and that gives her an edge that can surprise the unwary. The next stop on our tour is a meeting at the Royal Orthopoedic Hospital where a posse of the local great and good, including the Bishop of Birmingham, have turned out to present their plan for a £1m gymnasium for the hospital. They hope to win a lottery grant and run the gym as a commercial venture, open to the public, to defray the cost of providing it as a service to

Ms Jowell is attentive throughout the presentation and asks polite questions afterwards. Most of those at the meeting appear to feel that their plans have been well received. Only those familiar with the minister's normal effusiveness will have suspected her of lacking enthusiasm. The drawback with the scheme, and its proponents are quite open about this, is that it is opportunistic - geared first to tapping into an available source of money and secondly to meet a perceived need, rather than the other way about.

The acid test, in the minister's eyes, is that a project should be focused on assisting a specific group of the disadvantaged to gain some benefit in a way that reduces, rather than increases, their separateness from the rest of society. Merely opening the doors of a hospital fitness centre to the general public - which will attract the leotardclad already-fit because it is cheaper than the private gym down the road is not the way to tackle social exclusion. It is the sort of woolly do-goodism that

leaves Ms Jowell unimpressed. The virtue of the hospital's scheme is that there is an identifiable source of money - the lottery - to pay for it. Ms Jowell displayed a curious lack of interest in the cost of the schemes she visited in Birmingham, not once asking how much money was involved or how it was raised. Yet officials privately con-ceded that in the case of the exerciseon-prescription project, which involved building an extension to the leisure centre eventually paid for by the health authority, there were fierce local battles about how the bill would be met. A second project - providing inter-preters to work with Bangladeshi firsttime mothers in a part of the city where the perinatal death rate is twice the national average - cost £80,000. The organiser of that scheme disclosed this only after the minister had left the room

- wiping her hand across her brow as she did so to indicate the trouble she

had had funding it (by not filling health visitor posts as they fell vacant). In a tower block next to the Bellevue Medical Centre, the next stop on the tour, a flat formerly occupied by a crack cocaine addict has been taken over and converted into an improvised community centre. After receiving a lick of paint, the oratre now offers a thriving after-school club for local children, plus basic health services such as a post-

natal support group. Here, too, however, the funding is a problem. For what appears to be principally a social service is in fact paid for by the NHS. Bryan Stoten, chairman of the health authority, decided to step in out of despair at the local authority's failure to act. "It seemed to me someone had to do something. I have a slush fund, and I threw pixie dust over it. There had to be a health gain in there

somewhere. Those who met Ms Jowell were impressed by her preparedness to recognise that health is broader than the health service. As Dr Stephen Field, a GP in the Bellevue centre, whose practice area is home to drug dealers and prostitutes, told her: "The NHS is scratching the surface. Only by working across boundaries will we

achieve anything."

This will be the real test for Ms Jowell – whether she can get departments, with their jealously guarded separate fiefdoms, to join forces and share budgets, both nationally and locally. Without a budget of her own, providing the funds to drive change will depend on

borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. The challenge will also be to extend local successes into the national arena. She says: "There is no one answer. Some will be Government-led, some local partnerships, and some about individual responsibility. We have to get beyond the extraordinary examples of projects led by a few shining individuals and make them commonplace."

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Exclusive! Diana tells all to the Hungarians

s must be anite A apparent by now, Princess Diana's scorn for the British press is equalled only by her respect treat her with the fairmindedness she craves. She will not speak her mind to a Fleet Street man, but will open her heart to the man

from Le Monde. In fact, I might well never have secured the exclusive interview with her which follows, had I not taken the precaution of masquerading as a Hungarian journalist and requesting an interview on behalf of a Budapest

I do not in fact speak any Hungarian, but neither. I irmised, does the Princess. And after some time spent in the company of the late George Mikes, I felt I could ssume a convincing Hungarian accent.

The interview took place in the fine furnishings department of Harrods, a large store in central London.
Your Highness, perhaps if
you were to sit here on this sofa which is marked 'Now Only

£1,770', and if I were to stand

to attention beside you ...

should not stand if I am

sitting.
But you are royalty ... You are Your Highness ... I am only My Lowness.

Yes, I know, but I have always felt a special sympathy for those who were in a more difficult situation than myself. such as you. Victims of circumstances. People who, for no fault of their own, had to suffer. Why I should feel a special sympathy for the innocent victims of society's cruelty I have no idea, but

there you are ... So it would make you feel a lot better if I were to sit down? Oh, yes! I would feel a lot better! My tears would dry! My eyes would lose their photogenic moistness! I would force a smile to my lips! I would face the light to give maximum chance of a good exposure for any passing

photographer!
I thought you hated passing photographers? I do. But one most be

ready at all times. Good. Very well then. I will scat nyself.

Where have you gone?

I am afraid we do not have sofas as rich and soft as this in my native Hungary. I have sunk out of sight down this end Oh, but that is not fair. You



Miles Kington

Perhaps I will stand after

Very well. But watch where you stand. You never know hat you might stand on. Really? You are thinking of? Land-mines, Land-mines? They sell land-

mines here in Harrods? No, I don't think so, but the possibility of land-mines is never far from my thoughts. Do you have land-mines in

Hungary? I don't know. I have never needed to acquire one. I know a man in Buda who claims he can get anything at 24 hours notice, but this is something I have never asked for

Believe me, you should not ask for one. If you knew anything about land-mines. you would realise the damage caused world-wide is ...

Yes, yes, but I do not think my readers in Hungary will be interested in land-mines. It is not one of our preoccupations. What, then, would your readers in Hungary be interested in? Would they be

interested in what I feel about the last government? Well, we do not change governments very often in Hungary, and I am not sure how many people remember

the last government.
No, no. I was talking about the last British government.

Oh no. I don't think we would be interested in that, However, if you wish to say something off the cuff that would be caught by the world's press agencies and flashed round the tabloids under the

headline 'DI'S CLANGER', I am happy to oblige. Very well. Here we go. As far as the previous government is concerned. I could not stand John Major. He talked incessantly about

cricket as if it mattered. Hmm ... This might be difficult in Hungary, where we do not have cricket. Can I

make that water polo?

Polo is not my favourite Water polo has nothing to do with horses, Your Highness. For water polo you do not stand around shivering on cold, windswept fields, muking idle conversation to aristocratic oafs. You stand shoulder to shoulder with ecstatic crowds in warm, echoing swimming stadia, roaring your side on ... I do not think I would entirely enjoy that. It is not

easy for someone like me to mingle easily with a crowd when one is, alas, so easily recognised.

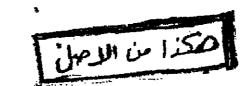
No danger of that in Hungary, your ladyship. No one would have the faintest

Oh. I don't think I would like that very much ... Dodi's a funny name. Pardon?

Dodi is a funny sort of name. Where does it come

Just a moment, what has happened to your Hungarian

The full transcript of this interview, which lasted a little while longer, can be obtained from me, subject to normal



eneral Vernon Walters, the distinguished and polyglot American soldier diplomat whom George Bush made ambassador in Bonn, used to enjoy recounting the remark made to him at a Washington dinner by a senior Soviet armed forces figure accompanying Mikhail Gorbachev on his first visit to the US. "For 40 years," said the eminent Communist general, a World War II veteran,
"I have been reading the KGB's top secret reports on your country. But I have learned so much more in the last 48 hours."

This story tells you more about détente than the quality of Soviet intelligence. It's nev-ertheless a graphic illustration of how the thawing of the Cold War transformed the role of the great intelligence services of East and West: how it changed the rules of the Great Game itself. Which was why in 1992 it was no longer remotely sensible, if it ever had been, for MI5 to be keaping line flag on Parent. be keeping live files on Peter Mandelson because he had once, in the early 1970s, been a member of the Young Commu-nist League. Did it also, for example, keep files on Denis Healey, an ex-Chancellor and Defence Secretary, who had also never made a secret of his youthful membership of the Communist Party? It now looks a little more possible, in the wake of the scattergun, and in

quite sure whether the main fault of his former employers was that they were too cautious or not cautious enough. But by telling us at least a few things we didn't know, he has dramatised the central problem of the intelligence agen-cies: their chronic lack of accountability to the taxpayers whose money keeps them in business and whom they are there to protect. And that problem becomes more, rather than less, acute now that the fall of the Berlin wall has made a lot of what the security services' paymasters are being protected from, if not less substantial, at least less obvious.

rity services. MI6 has employed some outstandingly brave public servants, as different as it's possible to be from the gross, bibulous bully depicted in John Le Carré's latest novel The Tailor of Panama. And anyone who thinks that high quality, secretly acquired intelligence shouldn't have been deployed against the IRA is living in a sentimental dream world. Shayler's claim that MI5 could have somehow stopped IRA terrorism in its tracks if it had been less bureaucratic is easily the least convincing he has made; what evidence there is suggests that the security services - which have a record of sifting and analysing complex data which the police acknowledge they don't have - have been successful in Northern Ireland. Senior police officers also attest to some early successes for MI5, using the same skills, in its more recently conferred lead role against organised crime. Which suggests that Robin Cook may have been sensible yesterday to outline an important role for MI6 in the war against international drug trafficking. State-



Donald Macintyre

How much of what MI5 and MI6 are doing shouldn't be done at all, or should be done by someone else?

be a good start. The obscurity behind which the security services allocate their resources makes it impossible to ask the crucial questions. How much of what MI5 and MI6 are doing is what they're good at? And how much of it either shouldn't be done at all, or should be done by someone else? The security and intelligence services admit, under the Cabinet Office heading of "administration and operations", to spending £713m this year, rising to £776m in 1999-2000. But is that the whole picture? And how is it, as most Treasury officials suspect, that this expenditure has increased since the mid-1980s while the

defence budget has gone down from something like 5 per cent of GDP to around 3.5 per cent?

Have the services been spend-

ing more on necessary counter-

ism remains a potent threat.

Even postwar Russia remains an

unstable geopolitical force. If

British troops are in Bosnia, so too should be British intelli-

gence. And so on. But precisely

because so much of what the

security services do goes on in the dark, and because at least

some of its surveillance will inevitably cover those innocent

of any threat to the security of the state, they need to be sub-jected, as agencies, to more, rather than less, scrutiny.

Looking at the money would

wake of the scattergun, and in some cases rather vague, revelations by the ex-MI5 agent pavid Shayler, that we will find out. And it is altogether possible that the answer, reprehensibly, will be yes.

But that isn't the main point. Shayler may be a rather flaky witness. He doesn't seem to be only in the services could not do the countries of the services could not do the countries. The doesn't seem to be only in the services could not do the services could not do the cases. more to break their spending down publicly

without compromising operational security.

As it happens the new government has taken the bold step—which rather surprisingly it has not yet announced—of submitting the intelligence services to one of the comprehensive spending reviews ordered by Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling. An interdepartmental committee is currently seeking to expose them to zero-based budgeting, a Treasury discipline which asks the department or agency conwhich asks the department or agency concerned to explain from first principles the value of everything it does. But ministers will have en an effort was mad within the Treasury to do the same thing in the 1980s, it foundered when the security services. almost certainly with Margaret Thatcher's backing, put the shutters up.

There is more: either the forthcoming Free-

dom of Information Bill, or forthcoming Data Protection Bill, or both, should afford a right, even if it hedged by national security exemptions, to citizens to inspect their own files. And the parliamentary scrutiny committee, which reports directly to the Prime Minister, and seems to be able to uncover not very much, at least in public, should be given a much enhanced role, with the obligation to report to Parliament.

John Major's record on these issues is not discreditable. He made the services avow themselves. He set up some scrutiny, however rudimentary. Now the challenge for Labour is to give them at least the transparency that surrounds the CIA in the US. This is in the interests of the security services themselves. And the brightest and the best in MI5 and MI6 surely know that.

Slagging off the sexually voracious

easy in our beds now that the advert which has drawn the most complaints this year - 309 - has been banned. A replacement advert, for low-calorie Lucozade, also features the "Fat Slags" cartoon characters, but it has been changed. Instead of saying "O mercy, it's the Fat Slags", it will now say "O mercy, it's shadra and Tracey".

Does a slag by any other name smell as foul, I wonder? Does calling these characters Sandra and Tracey rehabilitate them into respectability? Is this not yet another significant victory for womanhood?

It is hard to know which word has caused the most offence -"fat", or "slag". Both words are used on television. The word "slag" features in many a line of soap opera dialogue, as in, "Who you calling a slag? You slag." But the use of the word in an advert is considered inap-propriate for television advertising, according to the Indep-

endent Television Commission.
For those of you who don't know, the Fat Slags are a creation of the adult comic Viz. They are, in the prim description of the *Telegraph*, "large, lewd and under-dressed" - Sandra and Tracey are appetites on legs, in fact. They like sex, particularly in alleyways, and chips, cigarettes and alcohol. Their clothes are too tight, they decorate their legs with purple blotches, they give up their babies for adoption rather than have a night in. I happen to think they are rather funny. Not everyone does. The Fat Slags embody, we are told, every cliché about women. They are a male invention that stereotypes women, that enables men to laugh at us. Anyhow, you wouldn't want your children learning the word "slag" off the TV when they could be learning

it at school now, would you? Such an argument makes sense only if we acknowledge that once something appears on societal approval. But, as always with this type of discussion, a dreadful literalism creeps in that is ignorant of context. The result is that we end up banning an ad with the word "slag" in it, but tolerate any number of ads which feature women as clueless but sexy bimbos who have nothing better to do all day than to go round stroking cars.

Give me Sandra and Tracey using and abusing men any day, over the Stepford wives who become aroused at the sight of a set of car keys. Or the woman whose vile boyfriend enlists his horrible Renault Mégane in his campaign to sexually harass her. Whatever one thinks of the

Fat Slags, they wouldn't put up with such treatment, for they embody men's fear of women



A victory for women? The words 'Fat Slags' were replaced by Sandra and Tracey in the controversial Lucozade ad

Give me Sandra and Tracey any day over the model wives who get aroused by a set of car keys

more than anything else. They are primal beings who do not appear to attend seminars on what society thinks of sexually voracious women. Nor are they much concerned with being overweight. In this way they are liberating, just as Edina and Patsy were liberating in their drunken bad behaviour, just as Dawn French is when she dresses up as Pamela Anderwhen they go around nipping Prince Charles's bum and talk-

ing about snogging each other. Open expressions of female appetite and female desire are still rather rare. Though lad culture may have prematurely climaxed, its influence is still everywhere. It has been used to legitimise the most appalling and deeply embedded sexism in the exhausted name of irony. However, lad culture does not exist in a vacuum. While the lads who have made soft port acceptable are poring over yet more images of mute women, in the real world women are continuing to move on up. The only women allowed to speak in the sad lad fantasy world are the MAWs (Models/Actresses/ Whatever), and then only about

their sex lives. The Fat Slags, on the other hand, hardly need to go to workshops in assertiveness training. They know what they want and they want it now.

The question, then,

whether or not such a joke

rebounds on women. The answer is that, yes, sometimes it does - but not always. Is this enough reason to ban it? Personally, if I thought that it boys using the word "slag" of eirls who won't sleep with them. then I would happily ban the ad and the cartoon strip tomorrow. But we all know that it ain't that easy. Despite the overt sexualisation of our culture, we are increasingly confused about what is acceptable and what isn't. At the heart of this confusion is the way that we pay more attention to language than we do to who is speaking. Some people are dismayed that women can now declare themselves bitches (as in Meredith Brookes' "I'm a bitch/I'm a lover/I'm a child/I'm a mother, which my six-year-old happily sings along to). When, they ask, did this become acceptable? Don't they realise that

women who juggle their lives? Have they failed to notice the conscious effort over the last 20 laugh louder than any man at yet years that feminists have made to appropriate many negative word about themselves? In the Seventies, Erin Pizzey was happy to describe herself as a "slut". She was reacting to the Superwoman trend by refusing to get obsessed by housework. Indeed, words such as "nigger",

similarly reclaimed, which goes to show that there is a world of difference between being the object of an insult, and a speakg and self-defining subject. The worst excess of laddishness is not that it reduces women to stereotypes - these stereotypes have always existed anyway - it is the way it deliberately silences women and

reduces them to a mute fantasy,

whether this be lap-top porn on

the Net or supposedly upmar-ket lap-dancing. Laddishness is

actually fairly impotent in the

face of sexually active, articulate, achieving women, for it exists primarily as a defensive strategy, a denial of fundamental changes in our society. One of the ways women are silenced, of course, is by being told that they take everything far too seriously, that it's only a laugh. The riposte to this is not to

another dull piece of sexism, but to insist that other kinds of images, other kinds of voices, also appear. The Fat Slags (who, let's not forget, are cartoon characters, just as Jessica Rabbit is a cartoon character) may not be your role models but at least they speak up for them-Tracey will hardly destroy their joie de vivre, because they do not think there is anything wrong in women being promiscuous. The slags themselves are remark-ably happy with their lifestyle. The only way to make "slag" less offensive is to remove its connotation that female sexuality is a bad thing. Rather than banning the word we need to change the attitude. You certainly don't need to be fat or female to be called a slag these days. For surely, lads, isn't that what equal opportunities are all about?

Farewell Britain, hello the Great Wen

station at Cambridge. Elsewhere it might seem twee, but there feels rather appropriate. That kind of thing can, however, lead to delusion. I boarded one of the sleek new diesels which take you straight from the university city to Kings Cross in only an hour. There was a high-pitched, shimmering hum, like the opening bars of Vaughan Williams's *Rantasia on a Theme by* Thomas Tallis. It was a good few moments before I realised it was merely the sound of the train readying itself for departure. Flooded by a wave of foolishness, I reflected that I should have known better. I was heading back to London and

what passes for the real world. Asthe flat Cambridgeshire landscape, gradually became more rolling an indefinable feeling of sad rolling an indefinable feeling of sad-ness grew. I had covered a lot of ground since I had set out on my out the whole island of Great Brittin, in a kind of sound-bite emainion of the journey of proto-type fourists such as Daniel Defoe. Units Defoe, whose mission had included a brief to bribe Scottish nentarians to vote for union, my bjective had been altogether more vague: to discover whether was any longer any such thing

as "Community" in this nation, and if so, what nurtured it. (F) realised on this final leg that I have been doing something else, too thad unconsciously set out to acceptuate the positive, not merely to report what goes unreported but to delebrate what is good in modern

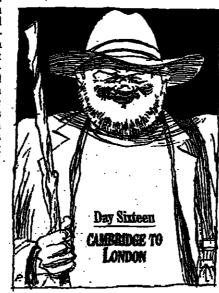
It has been a salutary experience to remove my metropolitan spectacles and come nose to nose with other people's realities. It has been ation from any terrorist outrage.

they play classical music over droll, as when at Belfast Harbour the loudspeaker at the railway airport, waiting for the prop-driven bucking bronco of a plane to Edin-burgh, I sat and watched a seductive promotional video of castles, sunlit Victorian public buildings and river buses, only to discover that it ended with the words "Destination Birmingham". It has been melancholic, as when passing through Barnsley town centre to discover that all the life is being sucked out of the little place by the out-of-town megashopping-complex at Meadowhall near Sheffield.

But above all it has been a journey of refreshment, which began the moment I stepped off the train in Comwall to be greeted by a local man not simply with a "Good morning", to which I replied, but with a follow-up inquiry: "You all right then?" It may only have been a conversational formula. Yet that second phrase was my first reminder of a world in which people have a little more time for one another. It is there all around the country. Even in a blunt, brisk city like Leeds, I was struck by how, as I stood peering owlishly at the destination board, a railwayman approached and offered help, unsolicited.

It has been a long journey. Even in a little country such as the UK, everywhere is further than at first you think. And travel writers never seem to carry luggage - or at least, they rarely mention it. It had loomed large in my decisionmaking, especially since, whatever Mo Mowlam may say, Railtrack at any rate was displaying little faith in the reliability of the IRA ceasefire: left luggage lockers remained out of service everywhere, even in Scotland and Wales, where Celtic communality has so far protected the popul-

A JOURNEY AROUND THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GREAT BRITAIN



WITH PAUL VALLELY

The one journey which is always shorter than you expect is the final leg home. On the seat opposite was a newspaper. I picked it up: it was the first national paper I had looked at for weeks. On the journey out of London, the papers had been full of the shooting of Gianni Versace, yet when I disembarked in Cornwall the headline in the Western Morning News read "New water bills shock" for West".

I had made it a particular rule not to read papers, or anything else, while travelling. Instead I looked either out of the window or at the people around. I followed the same rule in restaurants.

It is not just that you stumble across some marvellous vignettes this way, such as the family of four who ate a three-course dinner in total silence save for the bleeping of the youngest's Tamagotchi. It is not just that you realise that, regrettably. most of our fellow citizens live in a newsiess world.

No, if you read when travelling you constantly find that you look up and realise that you have missed something. Travelling in 1478, William of Worcestre recorded a plague of rabbits between Saffron Walden and Harlow; in 1997 I noted one, across the Galloway peninsula, which those with noses in books failed to see. Reading on a journey turns a seamiess progress into a series of disjointed fragments. It feeds our modern sense of dislocation. We do not live in the present, but always in the future or the past. Instead of rejoicing at where we are, we are ever on the way to some-

It happened to me now. I put down the paper and looked out of the window to find that I had missed the transition from countryside to suburb

edges of London, and the view was -as it is with so many places from our railway system - of the unprepos-sessing backsides of its buildings.

It would not do to get too romantic about this. For the traveller there is the danger that you remain the perpetual spectator, never involved. Then you force your own agenda upon the place you have arrived in, rather like the Wild Bill Hickok character, a long-haired ex-hippy from Seattle, whom I met in The Crown in Belfast. He was obsessed with how to get hold of a gun. But there is one place where you find it harder to inclulge your fantasies, and that is home.

The Great Wen, that other traveller, William Cobbett, called London. A wen, according to the OED, is "a sebaceous cystic tumour under the skin, occurring chiefly on the head. But as I arrived it seemed to me to be a great maw, a voracious gullet set on reclaiming me. As the familiar sights of the city appeared it felt as if they had chosen me, rather than me, them.

"Contemplate yourself as in a lass," said the 12th-century Benedictine monk William of Malmesbury, one of the earliest chroniclers of a journey round these isles. Perhaps, in the end, the journey tells you more about yourself than the

nlaces vou see. I queued for a Tube ticket. At the machine in front a young woman dithered and became bothered. What are you looking for? Can I help?" I heard myself saying. Behind me the rest of the queue negan tutting and hissing with impatience. Welcome back to London, thought. Welcome home.

Tuesday: A conclusion.



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Double blow for the City as one bank acts over unauthorised trading while another is handed a record penalty by the SFA

Rogue trader sacked at Crédit Suisse

Personal Finance Editor

Credit Suisse, one of the world's largest banks, has sacked one of its traders for allegedly amassing hundreds of millions of pounds worth of unauthorised positions in the options market. The bank moved to dismiss Philip Penner, who is believed to have been working for its client management department, after he confessed

to the trades earlier this mouth. An internal investigation is now under way to discover how Mr Penner could have taken the positions on options without the full authorisation of his employer.

The Securities and Futures Anthority, the top City regulator, has been informed of his dismissal. A regulatory source said yesterday: "I can confirm that we have received a report that he was dismissed for not rectifying his position. His registra-tion [with the SFA] has been suspended as a result."

The alleged unauthorised trading at Credit Suisse follows a series of high profile scandals, that include the rogue trading by Nick Leeson which led to the collapse of Barings and by Peter Young, a fund manager at Morgan Grenfell, part of Deutsche Bank. Mr Young set up a series of dummy companies in 1995 and 1996 to con-

ceal his activities, which eventually

cost Deutsche up to £400m. In 1995, Barings, one of the UK's oldest merchant banks, collapsed after it admitted losses of up to £800m caused by Leeson, who is currently serving a six-year jail sentence in

by liquidating the positions imme-diately after Mr Penner admitted his unauthorised activities to senior staff. A spokeswoman at the bank said:

It is believed Credit Suisse managed to the attention of the regulator. We to contain the losses to less than £10m believe that he is currently being investigated." She declined to say in which area of Credit Suisse's operations Mr Penner worked or how long he had been there, and would "[Mr Penner] has left the firm. The not elaborate on the precise nature of his unauthorised activities.

Sources said yesterday that Mr Penner had been authorised to take a position of up to £40m in FT-SE options. However, he was subsequently told to liquidate them.

But apparently unbeknown to the bank. Mr Penner did not adhere to the liquidation instruction and al-

sitions - betting on future stock market movements - to the extent that by the time he owned up, the bank's exposure ran to hundreds of millions

The Credit Suisse spokeswoman

and supervisory procedures. In the

bid for Yorkshire, though it was even-

tnally taken over earlier this year by

In the Kepit case, SBC's bid for

a joint US bid.

that the extent of the bank's exposure ran to at least £400m or that the unauthorised trading took place while Mr Penner was officially on holiday last month. Mr Penner could not be contacted for comment.

Richard Farrant, chief executive at the SFA, said: "[Credit Suisse] appear to have operated very efficiently in this instance and have acted with prompt dispatch." He confirmed that an initial report on the bank's immediate steps had been sent to the regulator and that the SFA was waiting for a second report into how the unauthorised trades could have taken place.

Credit Suisse is one of the leading financial services groups in the world, employing more than 10,000 staff in 30 countries. The organisation, with headquarters in Zurich, is capitalised

the investment trust portfolio was ac-cepted by Kepit's fund manager but in the time between the accepat more than \$7.2bn (£5bn). The company is split into four main business units, including worldtance and the agreed time at which wide private banking, corporate and the strike price would be set, SBC's investment banking as Credit Suisse First Boston, asset management for prices down, to the disadvantage of institutions and a division catering for Swiss corporate and individual In its settlement with the SFA.

customers. In 1996, a Credit Suisse bond sales man, David Santangelo who concealed a loss believed to be around \$6m (£4m) from a client was fined

SBC fined £300,000 over Chinese Wall lapse

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Swiss Bank Corporation was yesterday subjected to the largest eve fine imposed by the Securities and Futures Authority as the regulator concluded two disciplinary cases

Swiss Bank was "severely reprimanded" and fined £300,000 for failing to follow and implement its Chinese Wall procedures during 1994 when its market makers bought more than 8 per cent of the share capital of Yorkshire Electricity. The SFA said the bank had "failed

to observe high standards of market conduct" and had "failed fully to implement, monitor and control its Chinese Wall procedures" or to operate well-defined compliance dition to the fine the bank was ordered to pay £121,095 towards the SFA's costs.

In the second case, SBC was ordered to pay £180,000 for its actions relating to the liquidation of the Kleinwort Benson European Pritisation Trust (Kepit) in 1996. It was also ordered to pay costs of £55,000.

Commenting on the two cases, Richard Farant, the SFA's chief executive, said: "Managing and controlling the different parts of an integrated investment house in order to ensure fair treatment of clients and other market participants is challenging, SBC falled that test." Mr Farant took the opportunity to issue a warning to other firms say-

ing that "the SFA will persistently

interests of clients are subordinated to the interests of the firm, even if this is not intended." nised the severity of the

fines and said it was committed to keeping its administrative processes under constant review. It does not plan to take any disciplinary action against any individuals as a result of the Yorkshire Electricity case as the SFA said in its report that the bank's employees had acted in good faith and had not wilfully breached the SFA's principles.

However, the bank has taken displinary action against several mem-ers of staff over the Kepit affair. The SFA's action over Yorkshire Electricity relates to SBC's conduct nance department was marketing cash performance notes to corporate clients as a means of providing cover for the costs of bid situations. A cash performance note is an instrument which tracks the market

price of a security. Though a client had told SBC it was interested in making a bid for Yorkshire, the bank failed to restrain its market makers from acquiring a stake of 8.2 per cent in the company, more than double the level required

for hedging purposes.

SBC was acting as financial adviser to Trafalgar Honse in its £1.2bn bid for Northern Electric, which together with a lax price control announcement by the electricity regulator, had caused share prices to soar across the sector.

Swiss Bank acknowledged that it "failed to act with skill, care and diligence and to ensure fair treatment

heavy selling in the market forced

to its client." SBC referred to the iction as "an isolated incident".

topped 10 days of losses with yet

another fall, dragging the mar-

ket down by 2.3 per cent as the

local currency fell to yet another

At the beginning of the week

Asian governments were trying

ing that they had seen off the

big institutional investors who

were allegedly speculating against their currencies. How-

ever investors failed to be im-

pressed, leaving market makers

to reassess their views of how

Wall Street has done little to im-

prove sentiment. US-based fi-

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added to the depressed mood

yesterday when it issued new

forecasts, downgrading growth

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Bargains are beginning to

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£25,000 by the SFA. Guinness deal faces

Guinness and Grand Metro-

The statement of objections from the competition commissioner. Karel van Miert, was received by the companies a few days ago. It is understood to confirm concerns raised by the EC in June over the combined

The companies will attend oral hearings with the EC next Thursday and Friday, where they are unlikely to offer immediate concessions. The Com-mission has until 27 October to complete the investigation and announce any conditions for approving the merger. Guinness yesterday declined to comment on the discussions. "It's a con-

The EC is worried that GrandMet and Guinness, the second and third largest suppliers of spirits in the European Union, would be able to manipulate prices in some of the biggest national markets. It would give the merged company. to be renamed GMG Brands, more than a 40 per cent

Another concern is that GMG Brands would have vastly increased bargaining power with big retailers because of its huge list of famous name brands. The EC probe is one of several facing the two companies, who must also overcome the opposition of Bernard Arnault, the outspoken head of LVMH, the French luxury goods group and major shareholder in both Guin-

Canadian spirits giant Sea-gram, has already launched a strong attack on the deal, which

big EC objections

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

politan are to defend their £24bn drinks merger before the European Commission at a crunch meeting next week after officials yesterday confirmed that there were serious objections to the deal on competition grounds.

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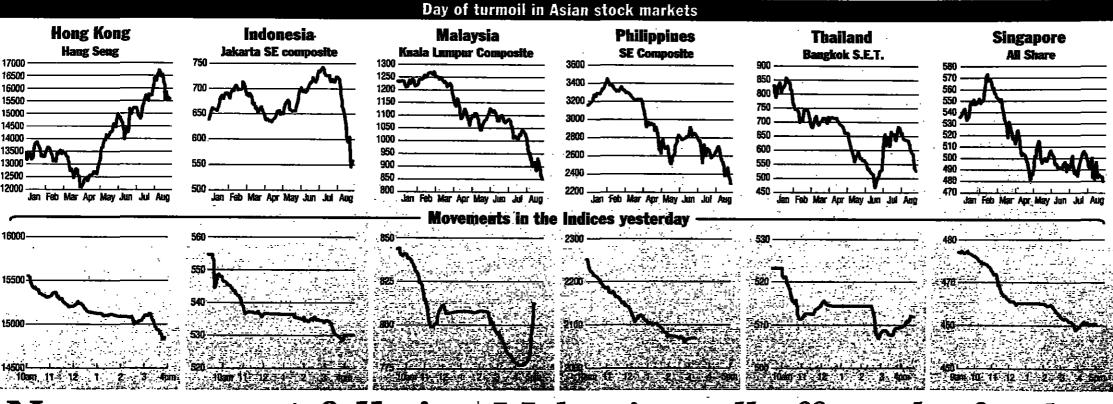
fidential process," said a spokesman

share of the Scotch whisky market in several EU countries.

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is also being investigation by the US watchdog, the Federal Trade Commission.

between August and December 1994. At that time the bank's corporate fipursue and judge harshly cases Comment, page 17 SBC acknowledged that it failed Dow Jones and Footsie slide amid worries over US outlook Flood of sell orders causes Asian markets to tumble



London and New York

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

Share prices fell sharply in London and New York yesterday due to a fresh bout of nerves about the outlook for the US economy and company

New figures for growth in the second quarter of the year showed that America's GDP expanded far more than first estimated. Although there was still no sign of inflation, the financial markets saw the figures increasing pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates later this year.

The FTSE 100 index ended nearly 62 points lower at 4,845.4 yesterday. On Wall Street, falls in technology stocks such as IBM and Altera took the Dow Jones index down more than 123 points to 7,663.77 by mid-morning, although it later recovered. The jitters in the US and

Europe followed earlier plunges in Asian stock

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According to new figures,

3.6 per cent in the second quarter of this year, much igher than the initial estimate of 2.2 per cent. Higher exports and faster

stockbuilding accounted for most of the revision, but the estimates for the rise in consumer spending were upgraded too. The new figures mean that

the US economy has grown at an average rate of 4.3 per cent since late last year - well above what economists would see as the trigger-point for eventual increases in inflation. But the GDP deflator, the

widest measure of prices, showed inflation at only 1.5 per cent in the year to June. Brian Fabbri, chief economist at Paribas in New York.

said: "There is strong growth, great profitability and no inflation. What more could anybody want?" But he warned: "The Fed

must be aware that the economy is simply booming." Many analysts expect US interest rates to rise later this year in order to return growth

to a sustainable pace, with

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likely month for the move. Although stockbuilding is likely to fall back significantly in the current quarter, underlying demand, powered by consumer spending, is expected to pick up still further. Christopher Low, of HSBC

Markets in New York, said: There is ample reason to worry about the momentum of

Bijhal Shah. a strategist at Merrill Lynch, said: "The US stock market is very highly valued and can only sustain this if profits continue to grow rapidly. But nobody knows exactly when the Fed will be forced to react by raising interest rates.

He said that when Wall Street finally saw a significant drop in share prices this could launch a downward spiral as the huge gains in the stock market had made a big contribution to the buoyancy of spending and the US economy. The spread of stock options as a part of pay packages meant high share prices had played a big part in bolstering con-

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Nerves prompt falls in | Malaysian sell-off sparks further round of turmoil in the Far East

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

East Asian stock markets trembled yesterday as sell orders poured into dealing rooms, sending the markets into a tail-spin. One market after another succumbed to a bout of nerves. The entire region has been sold off." said James Osborn, director of sales at ING Barings

Securities in Hong Kong. Brokers struggled to pinpoint the catalyst for the turmoil, although most believed that the carnage started in Malaysia, where the KLSE Composite Index recorded its biggest fall of the year - plunging by more than 10 per cent at one stage before closing some

4 per cent down. Meanwhile, the local currency plunged to a new low against the US dollar as fears over the burgeoning current account deficit undermined confidence.

The Malaysian sell-off was triggered by the authority's rather heavy-handed attempt to curb short selling. Traders were alarmed by a sudden change in Market report, page 19 the rules which demanded cash

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up front for share purchases fears that the increase in inter- it to a four-year low. Thailand and the need to deliver scrip before selling.

Had market conditions been more stable, the response to a sudden change in trading rules might have been less extreme but Malaysia's stock and currency markets have been in a bearish mood and required only the smallest excuse to plunge into gloom.
As news of the Malaysian sell-

off flashed across the screens in Asian dealing rooms, traders began to fear that the whole region would follow suit. It turned out to be a self-fulfiling prophecy, underpinned by genuine reasons for disquiet.

These were most visible in the Philippines, where the release of poor economic growth figures and worries about the local currency prompted investors to knock more than 9 per cent off the value of shares in Manila, the biggest single-day fall in 10 years.

In Indonesia, where the government had been congratulating itself on fighting off speculation against the local currency, the price of the fight was being calculated, leading to market fell 3.6 per cent, taking

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est rates would take a heavy toll on banking and finance companies. Heavy share selling in this sector caused the market to slump by almost 5 per cent.

And in Hong Kong, which had been buoyed the previous day by a successful land auction, the stock market had its second busiest day, leaving the blue chip Hang Seng Index more than 4 per cent down. The 658-point fall in the index was the fifth biggest on record, although in percentage terms it was overshadowed by the hig plunges of the 1970s and 1980s.

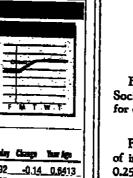
Ironically Hong Kong seemed to be the victim of its success as a highly liquid market. Fund managers turned to their stock holdings in the territory to provide cash for redeeming positions in other markets.

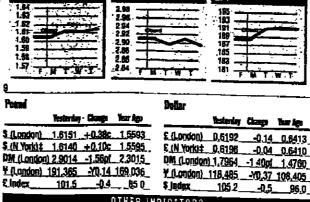
There was also uncertainty over government measures to curb property prices. This uncertainty has cast a long shadow over the market, helping to fuel the 11 per cent decline in share prices recorded over the past three weeks. Meanwhile the Singapore

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imposed by the Securities and Futures Authority, one of them, lamentably, for "failure to act with skill, care and diligence" in the execution of -you've guessed it - a large programme trade. It was perhaps unwise of Swiss Bank Corporation to highlight this bizarre and previously unheard of City award on the day it was so heavily fined. As mitigation, it made limp reading. On the other hand it certainly raised a laugh with the competition. Many rival houses found it hard to conceal their delight at SBC's discomfort.

Both episodes are serious matters for which SBC thoroughly deserves its punishment. They must have been, for the SFA needs the agreement of the accused to issue statements and impose fines of this sort. Although hedged around with the usual legal caveats about how these offences hadn't been deliberately committed. SBC would have had to swallow hard to agree such a damning and damaging indictment of the way it conducts its affairs.

Nonetheless, there is a sense in which SBC has been made an example of here. No one would suggest that practices like these have become common practice in the City, but by the same token, nor are they entirely unheard of, SBC made its name in the City as a bank that was willing to sail close to the wind and use some highly controversial techniques (innovative is the description SBC would pretage. It is therefore little surprise that it should find itself up before the beak in this manner. Aggressive, go-getting behaviour nearly always carries a regulatory risk.

In the first of the cases the SFA examined,

where the Chinese walls that are meant to exist between corporate finance and stock market trading became entirely transparent. SBC knew full well that it was doing some-thing highly contentious which rivals were bound to challenge, and as a consequence it went to great lengths to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations. Unfortunately, it wasn't fastidious enough, and compliance failed to check the overenthusiasm of market-makers when they discovered what corporate finance was up to. The first rule of sailing close to the wind is to get it right in every particular, not just some of them. If you do not, then you must expect to suffer the consequences.

At least this time round there's a beak to be up before. In the 1980s, cavalier and illegal practice was allowed to flourish unchecked, culminating ultimately in the great nemesis of the Guinness scandal. Action of this type should help prevent practice spiralling out of control again. This time round regulators seem to be be doing a rea-sonable job in defending the dam. Since acquiring SG Warburg, SBC has

quite visibly toned down its approach. Having bought the franchise, there's now no need to be quite so aggressive in attempt-

ing to win it. It is therefore surprising that the second episode, which happened very recently, should have occurred at all. The explanation seems to be that this was genuinely just a hotched job. There was no delib erate attempt to disadvantage the client in order to profit the house. Both episodes are nonetheless symptomatic of the conflict of interest big integrated securities houses like SBC perpetually face. Are they in it for their clients, or for themselves? Clients must draw their own conclusions.

Wall Street unlikely to catch the Asian flu

Ts this a brief summer chill that is afflict-Ling the world's stock markets, or the start of flu pandemic? Wall Street and the European markets bad another wobble vesterday, following some of the sharpest one-day falls ever in the Asian markets the previous night.

So far there seems to be no question of contagion between the two. On the contrary, the monthly Merrill Lynch survey of fund managers indicates that investors are switching out of Asia directly into the US. The proportions reducing their holdings in the for-mer and raising their weighting in the latter are the highest since the survey started in 1990. Strange behaviour this, for what investors seem to be doing is selling markets which have fallen steeply in order to buy into a market which is at an all-time high. But it

The Asian problem is a local one. The region's stock markets are suffering the aftermath of overheated domestic demand. The resulting ballooning of current account deficits, which prompted the initial devaluations, have led to hikes in interest rates and burst a few property bubbles. No wonder sentiment has been badly dented.

But although Asia's worries are unlikely to spill over into the US and Europe, a sustained fall in the Dow would almost certainly pull the rug out from underneath other markets. Unfortunately, that US correction still looks like a real possibility.

The American economy has been incredibly well behaved but eventually the recovery will falter and - probably around the same time - inflation will start to pick up. The Fed will raise interest rates and profits growth will slow from the present 10 per cent a year gallop.

Airbus plan is still a long way from take-off

As policy U-turns go, France's agreement to allow Airbus to convert into a limited company takes some beating. Lionel Jospin, the new French prime minister, is of course perfectly entitled to tear up his presuch an Anglo-Saxon approach to Airbus's future. Perhaps it was lunching with the Blairs

that did the trick. The previous administration campaigned long and hard against removing Airbus's 27-year-old consortium status, but had planned to privatise Aerospatiale. Mr Jospin is the

exact opposite, signing up to the restructur-ing but abandoning the Aerospatiale sell-off. However, though the greatest obstacle to setting Airbus on the right footing for the next century has now been cleared, we are still a long way from take-off. Given the months of wrangling to get this far down the runway, few in the industry can seriously believe that the detailed negotiations from now on will be anything other than tortuous.

For starters there is the issue of how the assets should be divided up. BAe claims that its plants are more efficient than Aerospatiale's or Dasa's, and it should therefore get a larger share of the company than its present 20 per cent of the consortium. Naturally, the other partners do not accept this.

Then there is the thorny question of who will run the company. BAe would like us to believe that the other three partners will agree an impartial search for the best of international talent. Minima. Does anyone seriously think that France will accept a candidate from outside the mother country to sit behind the desk in Toulouse? An important breakthrough has been achieved, but we decessor's policies. Harder to understand is | are still a long way from the end game.

Rolls-Royce let down by overworked suppliers

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

. The soaring demand for new aircraft from the big airlines has left suppliers in the industry unable to meet expectations, the iet engine maker Rolls-Royce warned vesterday, after years of cuts and redundancies during had left in other parts of the the recession.

Rolls-Royce also blamed inrine orders with rivals General Electric and Pratt & Whitnev of the US for the squeeze on its profit margins, despite unveiling a 20 per cent jump in operating profits in the first half of the year to £115m.

Sir Kalph Robins, chairman, said Rolls-Royce nad identified several bottlenecks in its engine business following the 33 per cent rise in sales in its aerospace group, which includes civil and nilitary jets, to £1.7bn.

Since the recession Rolls-Royce has halved the number of suppliers to 600. Some 70 per cent of its engine parts are bought in, of which around the same proportion are sourced from UK companies, "Most of us are all sucking on the same supply actwork which has been

strained by it," said Sir Ralph. Staff were working 20 per cent more overtime to satisfy the demand, even after excluding the impact of an overtime ban last year. Rolls-Royce said about 1;000 extra employees had been taken on at the aerospace division since last year, though 800

But Sir Ralph denied the tense competition for new jet company had bought market share at the expense of prof its. Commenting on the increase in the order book to a record £7.8bn, he said: "It's a hell of a nice problem to have." A further £1.2bn of orders have been announced, but are not yet included in the formal order

> He also pointed to a slight improvement in profit margins, up from 10.9 per cent to 11.1 per cent over the same period the year before, as a sign that underlying profits were improving.

> Fears about the squeeze on margins hit Rolls-Royce shares yesterday, which fell 19p to 235.5p. The group raised its dividend payout to shareholders by 10 per cent to 2.2p a share. An increase in its final dividend in March was the first since 1991.



engine orders for the squeeze on Rolls-Royce's profits

six months of the year were £116m, compared with losses of £169m the year before, following £263m of provisions to cover the sale of the Parsons steam turbine business to Siemens of Germany. Two companies are negotiating to buy the International Combustion boiler-mak-

ing business in Derby, which was put up for sale with Parsons more than a year ago. Sir Ralph said an announcement would be made soon.

Despite the restructuring of the power business, profits fell from £19m to £14m on sales of £530m. Sir Ralph described the result as "disappointing".

Airbus set for privatisation as France abandons objection

Chris Godsmark London and John Lichfield

The French government has abandoned its objection to the transformation of the Airbus plane-making consortium into a fully fledged private company, removing the biggest obstacle to the restructuring of the \$40bn

(£25bn) European industry. But the significance of the breakthrough which came after months of intense pressure from the British and German governments, was doubted yesterday by some industry analysts who predicted France would shift its objections to more detailed criticisms. French plans to force a merger by the back door of Aerospatiale, the stateowned group, with the privately owned military and civil aircraft company. Dassault, also look set

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Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, is believed to have told Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn yesterday that Paris would no longer stand in the way of the creation of a Franco-German-British-Spanish company to act as the only serious challenger to the merged Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in the large civil airliner market.

Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) and British Aerospace (BAe) have long argued that this was the best way to develop Airbus to reap the advantages of the recovery in aircraft orders. The new Socialist regime in Paris is prepared to agree, adopting a more flexible approach than its centre-right predecessor. Dasa and BAe have urged

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the company structure. The present four-member consortium, including Casa of Spain and formed in 1970, operates under French law as an economic interest group and does not publish accounts or make profits as a separate entity. The restructuring of Airbus was in-tended as the template for a wider consolidation of Europe's military aerospace businesses.

Though France has accepted the inevitability of incorporating Airbus, the new government has not moved on its objection to the privatisation of Aerospatiale, planned by its predecessor. BAe in particular had insisted on the sell-off, arguing the new Airbus company could not operate independently unless all its shareholders were also in the private sector.

would gradually reduce its involvement. Another problem concerns Dassault, which had emphatically opposed a merger with Aerospatiale unless the privatisation went ahead first. Under the Jospin plan, the French government would transfer its 45.9 per cent stake

in Dassault to Aerospatiale, in effect forcing through a merger. The French argue that a merger between the two companies would strengthen their negotiating position in future consolidation discussions. Industry experts yesterday

predicted months of further horse-trading over the size of the stakes in Airbus which each of the four partners would receive. BAe, which makes Airbus wings, has pushed for a bigger stake than its 20 per cent in-France to inject assets into the new business. following a memorandum of understanding early this year to move towards

The Jospin government says terest in the existing consortium, on the grounds that its businesses have much higher productivity than Aerospatiale's.

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Boots offloads AG Stanley

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Boots drew a line under one of the worst parts of its disastrous Ward White acquisition yesterday when it sold the lossmaking AG Stanley home decorating business to a venture capital buyer.

The sale, which includes the Fads and Homestyle trading formats, will see Boots take a £180m write-off which includes £122m for goodwill. The buyer, Alchemy Partners, is paying a nominal sum while Boots has guaranteed to leave the business

effect. Boots is paying Alchemy to take the business away.

The deal covers the 121 Fads branches, which are largely small high street sites, and 201 Homestyle stores, including some edge-of-town locations. AG Stanley has not made a profit since 1993 and its accu-

mulated losses over the past four years amount to £33.7m. Last year it recorded losses of £11.8m on sales of £109.4m. Alchemy will continue Boots' strategy of closing many of the Fads stores as well as around 100 smaller branches of Home-

with a cash balance of £7.5m. In style. While this will mean significant redundancies among the group's 2,400 staff, Alchemy's senior partner. Jon Moulton, said jobs would be created as the company opened more

> be groomed for a stock market flotation though no timescale has been set. Mr Moulton will be chairman of the group. Boots acquired AG Stanley

also included the Halfords car

accessories stores. Though it

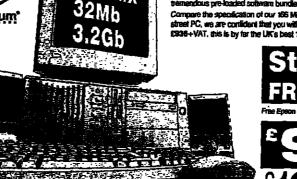
larger Homestyle formats.
It is thought AG Stanley will as part of the ill-starred Ward White acquisition in 1989 which

hit hard by the collapse in the housing market and the shift towards larger out-of-town stores. Boots said yesterday the deal did not signal the unravelling of

the Ward White deal and there were no plans to sell Halfords or Do It All, the DIY business. "They remain part of the Boots family," a spokesman said. However, analysts speculated

that following the sale of Chil-drens World to Storehouse last year, Boots was increasing its focus on its core business. Do It All is seen as a further candidate for disposal. Boots shares made profits until 1993 it was fell 14p to 803p.

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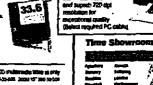
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T&N talks could 'lead to merger'

Andrew Yates

T&N, the car parts group, admitted yesterday that it was in on-going talks with rivals that could eventually lead to a merger or joint venture.

Sir Colin Hope, chairman, said: "Everyone [in the industry knows each other extremely well and we talk to each other all the time about swapping assets and forming joint ventures. If people want to talk we are very happy to listen, although nothing has emerged yet.

T&N has been linked to a flbn bid from US motor parts group Dana Corporation and Federal Mogul UK rivals GKN and BBA are also thought to be interested in a deal.

T&N is also looking to join forces with Rheinmetall and Kolbenshmidt, two German piston groups which are in the

process of concluding their own merger. T&N has been stalking Kolbenschmidt for years in its bid to become the largest piston manufacturer in the world. but its efforts have been frustrated by the German competition authorities. "We are confident we can eventually get German approval for a new deal. We expect to take initia-

interests come together," Sir Colin said yesterday. However, he warned that there would be more job losses to come at T&N after the company finishes its current round of up to 1,400 redundancies by

tives to see our mutual business

the end of the year.
T&N announced flat underlying profits of £85m in the six months to June. The strong pound knocked £5.9m off prof-

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Reckitt & Colman may buy back bond

Sameena Ahmad

Reckitt & Colman, the Harpic toilet cleaner to Lemsip group, is considering buying back its convertible bond in a novel move which could lead to a cash return to sharebolders of up to

Iain Dobbie, Reckitt's finance director, said repurchasing the bond was an alternative way to share out cash following changes to the tax system last autmnn which have made normal share buy-backs tax inefficient.

Speaking after the company announced its half-year figures to July, Mr Dobbie said the move would allow the company to continue paying foreign in-

ings, but said yesterday it would

come dividends. Reckitt made a £150m cash payout to shareholders last November out of foreign earn-

rather use the cash to pay FIDs while it can. The Government has threatened to abolish FIDs, which allow a company to avoid paying tax twice on foreign earnings, in 1999. Mr Dobbie said the bond, is-

sued in 1990 and which converts into 40 million shares in 2005, had a £200m face value, but could fetch up to £350m. However he said that depended on whether people were willing to sell: "Bonds are becoming increasingly attractive. Not every bond holder will want to sell." Mr Dobbie said Reckitt would only repurchase the bond

attract potentially unrecoverable advance corporation tax. The news came as Reckin reported a 4 per cent fall in half. year sales to £1.1bn after a £115m currency hit.

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if it was tax efficient and did not

Generous Reckitt looks good value

the feather duster, the household products and foods company is unloved. Where is the growth in carpet cleaners, disinfectant and air fresheners, investors ask?

Gamble will bid for the group has put zip into the share price recently. Since Unilever said in February that it was selling its chemicals division to focus on household and healthcare, Reckitt's share price has taken off, beating the FTSE by almost 20 per cent. Yester-day's 20.5p slump in the shares to 961p was partly a correction after Vernon Sankey, chief executive, dismissed takeover rumours at the group's interim

Bid froth apart, Reckitt has been an unrewarding investment. Since 1993 and before the Unilever excitement, shares in the company underperformed the market by a sorry 22 per cent.

But perhaps the sceptics need to rethink. Reckitt's half-year results to July looked good against its peers. The 5.5 per cent underlying sales growth, ex-cluding the currency hit, looks paltry, but household products and foods are both mature. Nestlé has repeatedly failed to meet its 5 per cent sales growth target and Unilever has struggled to produce similar growth.

Reckitt's strategy of avoiding com-modity markets like detergents, while directing marketing and research muscle into developing niche brands is right. Some 70 per cent of the group's products are number one or two brands.

Sharing product technology be-tween countries has been another success. Buying L&F in the US in 1995 has enabled Reckitt to spread the Lysol faith to faster growing countries like In-dia. Australia's strength in pest control has been successfully exported to South Africa and Sri Lanka. And it is not surprising that Mr Sankey wants to keep the health products business. As well as being Reckitt's fastest growing division, technology from products like Dettol are being used to develop

even better surface cleaners.

There are black spots. Currency aside, growth in Thailand and Malaysia is slowing. Brazil, half of the group's Latin American sales, is worryingly weak as retailers destock. All this is bad news given the maturity of Europe and the importance of emerging markets for Reckitt's growth. The group's farflung exposure to unpredictable economies has always been a concern. But given the potential for growth from emerging markets, Reckitt would be wrong to play safe.

Broker SBC Warburg is forecasting

Perhaps the City expects too much of Reckitt & Colman. Leaving aside those left at home to wield THE INVESTMENT COLUMN tail sector, set to rise from 17 per cent last year to more than 20 per cent of the portfolio when the 600,000 sq ft the portfolio when the 600,000 sq ft

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Reckitt & Colman: At a glance

Market value: £391bn, share price 961p (-20.5p)

2.35

18.7

Turnover by region

50.8

Share price pence

et cleaners, disinfectant and air freshners, investors ask?

Hopes that Unilever or Procter &
Reckitt looks good value longer term given its generous policy on cash handouts and fading bid prospects.

Slough waits on developments

Sough Estates, Britain's biggest in-dustrial landlord, went through a fallow patch in the mid-1990s, but since the beginning of last year the shares have taken off, outperforming the rest of the stock market by 15 per cent. Part of this re-rating reflects a new dynamism evident at Slough since Sir Nigel Mobbs, veteran chairman of the group, relinquished some of his management responsibilities to Derek Wilson, who moved up from being managing director to chief executive early last year.

Some 18 months on, the group is in the midst of the biggest development programme in its history, with around million sq ft of new space under construction or due to be started in Britain

Five-year record

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

Includes 1.4p Foreign Income dividend

Turnover (£bn)

full-year profits of £310m for 1997-1998 alone this year. This big expansion comes at a propitious moment for the group. Helped by gains on the sale of a portfolio earlier this year and lower interest charges as a result of disposals, pre-tax profits jumped from £37.4m to £50.5m in the six months to June. Gearing of 53 per cent and uncommitted facilities of £300m leave plenty

of financial leeway.

More importantly, the developments come after five years which have seen precious little new industrial property being built in the aftermath of the recession. The resulting pent-up demand is clearly becoming evident. Slough's estate is in effect fully let, with occupancy up from 94 to just under 97 per cent in the first six months of the year, while the group is seeing rent rises for good properties in good locations in the South-east of England.

That is just as well, as around two-thirds of the portfolio is based in the prospering M4 corridor of the Thames Valley. If market forecasts are borne out, the firmness of the retail market should soon start to feed through to in-

dustrial property.

That should make Slough a good later cycle play on the property market, with a useful exposure to the re-

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Buchanan Galleries in Glasgow opens in the spring of 1999. Brokers' estimates suggest net assets

per share have grown from 285p to 299p over the past six months and could be 336p by this time next year. That suggests the shares, down 2p at 320p, are fairly rated.

T&N gets the better of ghosts

Tot so long ago, T&N could never be mentioned without the dreaded word "asbestos" being muttered in the same breath. As Turner & Newall, it used to produce tons of the stuff, only to be sued decades later by asbestosis sufferers on both sides of the Atlantic.

Then last year it came up with a clever ruse to cap its liabilities at £1.2bn by taking out a £500m insurance

But just as it laid one ghost to rest, others began to appear. Analysts pointed to an apparent slowdown in its ar parts business and falling margins due to an indifferent world-wide car

They also argued that, like the rest of the engineering sector, T&N's exports, would bound to be hit by the rising pound. To cap it all, the asbestos claims came back to haunt T&N in June when a US judge threw out a class settlement, which opened the door to the possibility, albeit a small one, of higher payouts to sufferers.

Yesterday's results for the six months to June did much to dispel these new fears. Underlying operating profits were flat at £85m, despite City expectations that they would fall to around

A combination of cost-cutting and reducing stocks helped push margins up 1 percentage point to 10.6 per cent. leaving plenty of scope for further improvement. And T&N should be able to continue to gradually increase volumes and prices by picking up

The good figures pushed T&N's shares up 16p to 163.5p. Even so, they remain cheap on fundamentals and bidders are still likely to be circling the group as the industry continues to con-

Panmure Gordon has upped its underlying current year profit forecast from £137m to £154.6m, putting the shares on a prospective price/earnings

Ladbroke to speed up hotel openings with help of HHC

Andrew Yates

Ladbroke yesterday announced its intention to rapidly expand its hotel chain by stepping up its alliance with Hilton Hotel Corporation (HHC), the US hotel giant, and unveiling plans to speed up its hotel opening pro-

The company is looking to take over up to 200 hotels around the world if HHC is successful in its \$11.5bn (£7bn) hostile bid for ITL which runs the Sheraton hotel chain.

Peter George, chief executive of Ladbroke, said: "There will be opportunities for us as a result of the ITT deal. Hilton has no particular ambitions overseas and I hope we can do something together." Ladbroke would probably turn the Sheraton sites into Hilton hotels. It is also likely to take control of ITT's luxury Ciga chain, formerly owned by the Aga Khan.

Ladbroke is also looking to develop HHC's Conrad chain of hotels outside the US.

However, Ladbroke ruled out a full merger with HHC in the near future. "We discussed a full merger with HHC before agreeing to form a marketing alliance. There were various problems such as taxation, reg-ulation and valuations in the UK and US which ruled out the possibility. As things stand we will not consider a full merger,"



Peter George: Hoping to do business with Hilton of US

Ladbroke spokesman said. There had been intense market speculation that HHC was likely to turn its attention to Ladbroke if its bid for ITT failed. However analysts believe HHC is unlikely to be interested in Ladbroke's betting division, which includes Vernous pools and its betting shops, and will probably not be tempted to launch a hostile bid for the group. Mr George said HHC was very unlikely to act on its promise to take a 5 per cent stake in Ladbroke "until it had resolved its bid for ITT".

tempt to scupper the takeover. HHC is aiming to force ITT to put its \$11.5bn offer to its shareholders. A US court in Nevada will hear the case on 29 September. Even if the bid fails Ladbroke

block ITT from selling off most

of its assets in a desperate at-

plans to rapidly increase its own hotel development programme in the wake of strong world-wide demand for hotels which continues to push up room rates and occupancy levels strongly. It plans to open 10 new hotels next year and 20 in

Ladbroke refused to rule out launching a bid for Capital Corporation, the troubled casino group embroiled in legal action against three disaffected former employees over allega-tions of serious internal control problems. "We are still watching developments at Capital Corporation," Mr George said yesterday.

Ladbroke announced a 39 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £101.2m, well ahead of analysts' expectations, thanks to the buoyant hotel market.

Betting and gaming profits rose 31 per cent to £56.9m due to a strong performance from its bookies chain. Its 49's fixedodds numbers game has been a "great success", helping it to esolved its bid for ITT". shrug off the damaging effect of the National Lottery.

B&J bids for discount chain

Magnus Grimond

Brown & Jackson, the Poundstretcher discount retail chain, has come to the rescue of WEW Group, the troubled owner of fellow discount group What Everyone Wants, with a £6.5m bid. The agreed deal, along with the £7.65m purchase of Your More Store, another retail operation, will make B&J one of Britain's biggest discount chains with 451 stores.

The 4.5p-a-share cash bid for WEW will come as a relief for shareholders, who have seen the price tumble from 129p in 1991 to 4.25p, down 0.5p yes-terday. In July the group fore-cast a loss of more than £4m for the 12 months to 2 August in the latest of three profit warnings this year and effectively put it-

self up for sale. The B&J offer has been accepted by US venture capital

other holders controlling 28.8 per cent of the shares.
The WEW board, chaired by

James Millar, the former William Low chairman, warned that in the absence of the B&J offer, the group's banks might withdraw their support after January 1998. Brown & Jackson, which is controlled by Pepkor, a South African discount group, said it expected no job losses or further shop closures group Warburg. Pincus and to result from the takeover.

to fund expansion

Cathy Newman

Barnes Trust Media, a television production and facilities group, s considering a stock market flotation in an effort to raise money for acquisitions.

Simon Bowen, executive chairman and founder of Barnes, said the company was on the brink of appointing an adviser and a flotation was "on the agenda". Barnes came to prominence earlier this year when it bought Teddington Studios off Pearson for £9m. The company said the deal made it the biggest privately owned media facilities group in the UK.

Mr Bowen said yesterday he had his eye on two sizeable acquisitions. Barnes has been tipped as a possible bidder for Tele-Cine Cell, another facilities company which warned in July that persistent problems with its Cell special effects arm would lead to losses in the first half of the year. However, Mr Bowen said the acquisitions being investigated were outside the facilities sector. He added: "If the acquisitions are successful, they may be the trigger to acceler-

Mr Bowen said the company

could be valued on the market at in excess of £25m, but he indicated the acquisitions could double Barnes' size.

Dean Street Post, the group's

Barnes, which is forecasting a turnover of £22m to £25m for the current year, is an umbrella company for a string of organisations. It comprises Teddington Studios; the House, a post-production house which specialises in commercials and pop promotions; Klones, a broadcast dubbing and video duplication unit; and Arena Transmissions, which produces special interest travel, weather

first acquisition in 1993, merged with the House in June this year. Teddington, a fulcrum of the film and television industry since the 1920s, was part of Thames Television, for which Pearson paid £100m in 1992. It makes light entertainment programmes such as This is Your Life and Men Behaving Badly. Mr Bowen said there was no reason why Barnes should not come to the full market. He said

and Chinese channels.

such a move was not vital for the company's future, but making

a large acquisition was a good

commercial reason for floating.

Barnes may float | Leigh agrees to £116m takeover

Provident Financial keeps up growth

£23.7m, and profits rose 11.6 per business can be transplanted cent to £50.8m. The number of successfully.

General Utilities, owned by the giant Générale des Eaux of France, vesterday launched an agreed bid for Leigh Interests. less than three weeks after making its first direct approach for what is one of the UK's top six waste disposal companies. The £116m bid is worth 175p

a share, equal to 24.3 times Leigh's earnings in 1996-97. The announcement of the deal was accompanied by a market raid on Leigh's shares, that easily mopped up 29.99 per cent of the equity. The takeover offer is 47 per cent more than

Clifford German

steady upward path.

Provident Financial, the Brad-

ford-based provider of door-to-

door unsecured loans and

non-comprehensive motor in-

surance, increased profits by 15 per cent to £54.7m in the first

half of the year, maintaining its

of Leigh's shares on 8 August,

Leigh's business, along with the last business day before the its rivals, has suffered from a on a turnover of just £115m in

House prices climbed by 1.2 per cent in August, Nationwide Building Society reported yesterday. The increase left the annual rate of house price inflation at 12.1 per cent, a shade below its July approach was made. Leigh's chief executive,

Shaun Bowden, said yesterday the takeover represented a good deal for employees and shareholders and gave them the benefits of the £50m restructuring of the business two years ahead of schedule. His own future has not been

discussed but General Utilities' finance director, Joseph Mangion, emphasised the buyer planned to develop its waste management business to complement its other UK businesses, which include Connex, the the closing middle market price operators of Southeast Trains.

customers was up 9 per cent to 1,334,000, and the number of

agents, who are mostly recruited

from customers, increased by 4

The formula is well tested and the market still not satu-

rated, but a small pilot opera-tion has been started in Poland

per cent to 10,268.

combination of the long-term decline in the manufacturing industry, increasing competition in the UK market and problems with its chemical treatment technology. As long ago as 1991-92 it made a profit of £14m on a turnover of £119m. The business plunged into the red in 1995-96 recording a loss

costs and staff and eliminate loss-making activities. The chemical and clinical waste divisions continued to lose money, but the group as a whole made a partial recovery last year and announced a prof-

The insurance division con-

centrates on women drivers

and third-party, fire and theft

business. It resisted the temp-

tation to cut premiums and

chase market share. Turnover

dropped by a quarter to £45m

but profits actually grew by a

of £9.6m as it struggled to cut

the year to 31 March 1997.

Leigh's business, which includes the collection and treatment of industrial waste in landfill sites in Essex, the Midlands and North-west, will be integrated with General Utilities' UK waste management businesses, which had a turnover of £200m last year and specialised in the collection, recycling and disposal of municipal waste and specialist liquid waste.

General Utilities hopes to use Leigh to offer integrated packages to industrial and municipal customers. Leigh shares closed at 173p, up 21p.

generally were moving signifi-

cantly higher, but when they do

Provident's business should

Meanwhile it is market test-

ing a 10-year life assurance

policy which offers up to £80,000 worth of cover for a

young, non-smoking female

down to £5,000 for a male

smoker in his fifties for a flat

rate of £3 a week over 40 weeks

outside London, confirming the pattern of gains in the other re-gions reported by the Land Registry on Wednesday. Both sets of figures suggested the North is beginning to catch up with the South-

House prices rise by 1.2 per cent

east. In London new buyers were being forced further down-market, and prices of flats and small houses were rising faster than those of bigger properties. ING buys US brokerage for \$600m ING, the Dutch banking group, yesterday paid \$600m (£371m) in cash for the US brokerage Furman Selz LLC in order to boost its equities business in the world's largest financial market. The price, which was inflated by \$175m in bonuses for Furman em-

rate, and took the average price to £60.581. Nationwide said the

recovery was showing signs of becoming more firmly established

ployees, exceeded the sum analysts expected ING to pay by at least \$100m. Swiss Bank Corp paid \$600m when it beat ING to acquire Dillon Read & Co, a larger bank, earlier this year.

S&N cautious on devolution plans Scottish & Newcastle said it expected to increase development spend in the year ahead while maintaining business momentum. Sir Alastair Grant, chairman, sounded a note of caution at the company's annual general meeting on the Government's plans for devolving a Scottish Parliament. He said that if a new parliament was given powers to vary income taxes, Scottish business could be disadvantaged. Sir Alastair said the group's leisure operations were being held back by exchange rates. He said the group derived more than 90 per cent of its sales and profits from markets outside Scotland and from a wide range of international markets. Sir Alastair said these could be used in such a way that Scottish business and Scottish business talent might be at a disadvantage compared with the rest of the UK.

Rentokil Initial growth should continue

Sophus Berendsen AS, a Danish commercial services company, said it expected continued good growth from its Rentokil Initial subsidiary. The company said its profit before tax for the six months to the end of June jumped 32 per cent to 845.5m kroner (£75m). Sales rose to 3.595bn kroner from 3.308bn kroner and operating profit rose to164.3m kroner from 129.3m kroner. The earnings report is one of the last before Sophus splits into two separately traded companies. Its 32.2 per cent stake in Rentokil is to be included in a new listed company called Ratin A/S.

EFT Group acquisition escapes referral

Margaret Beckett, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will not refer the acquisition of EFT Group by the Bank of Scotland's unit. British Linen Bank, to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission. The Bunk of Scotland said as a result its recommended offer for EFT Group was now unconditional in all respects.

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	Compai	ny Resu	lts	
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Country Gardens (I)	27.7m (19.6m)	3.36m (2.22m)		0.6p (-)
Dawstergroup (I)	23 7m (28,3m)	2.95m (2.54m)	14.3p (11.5p) 6.3p (5.4p)	2.1p (2.0p)
Era Group (SP)	91 7m (77,2m)	-13 32m (1.0m)	10.07-10.04	
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Provident Financial (I)		10.35m (10.31m) 5.86p (5.68p)	1.55p (1.47p)
Carloks Group (I)	209.2m (209.7m)	24 7m (47.5m)	13.83p (11.77p)	7.75p (6.50p)
Rectiti & Colonan (f)	175.8m (184 4m)		8.9p (7.8a)	3.25p (2.75p)
Rolls-Royce (1)	1 11bn (1,15bn)	165.1m (179.0m)	29 1g (29.7p)	8.70p (7.95)
Slough Estates (I)	2.3bq (1.9bn)	116.0m (-169.0m)	6.50a (4.64a)	2.20 (2.01)
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Standard Life's rising star reappears at RBS

Benny Higgins, the 36-year-old rising star who unexpectedly resigned as top sales manager for Standard Life in June for personal reasons, has popped up at Royal Bank of Scotland, where he has been given the job of sorting out the Birming-ham Midshires acquisition.

Mr Higgins' resignation from the insurance giant came a day after that of John Thomson, then Standard Life's chief investment manager. Sadly Mr Higgins was on holiday yesterday, so was unavailable to

shed light on the subject. From next month the former captain of the Celtic youth team will "lead the project to derive maximum benefits from the acquisition of Birmingham Midshires Building Society". Personally I think Mr Higgins, described by colleagues as surprisingly witty for an actuary", sees himself as another Martin Taylor. Watch out, George Mathewson.

Richard Branson is overwhelmingly the most popular choice for Best UK Business Leader, followed far behind by Sir John Harvey-Jones, Lord Hanson and Archie Norman. This is the verdict from 200 manag-

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

ing directors and finance directors polled by KPMG in the accountancy firm's second British Business Lead-

Which is a bit worrying, when you consider that Sir John and Lord Hanson are the wrong side of 70, and the former hasn't managed anything for at least seven years.

Another bizarre finding: 11 per cent of those polled are anti-technology luddites, saying: "I have peo-ple to do that for me." Another 38 per cent simply say: "I know where the on/off switch is." A measly 3 per cent admit to having high computer

How intriguing to hear a story in which sleepy old Anntie Beeb has got one over on Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB for a change. The BBC's forthcoming 24-hour news channel has just poached glamorous presenter Sarah Montague from Sky News, Mr Murdoch's own round-the-clock news service. Other BBC presenters will include the veteran foreign correspondents John Simpson and

Charles Wheeler.

Jefferson Smurfitt, the Dublin-based paper group, has recruited a former governor of Illinois as a non-executive director, reflecting the recycling specialist's big ambitions across the water. James R Thompson, 61, served a record four terms as gover-

nor from 1977 to 1991 and was a US Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where he argued more than 200 cases. Sounds like a useful person to have on board in that most litigious of countries.

I never knew DIY had been around

for so long until I traced the history

of AG Stanley, which Boots has just sold to a venture capital company. AG Stanley owns two DIY chains. Fads and Homestyle. Alec Stanley started the ball rolling in 1945 when he opened his first DIY shop, Bargain Wall Papers in Bromley, Kent. People were coming back from the

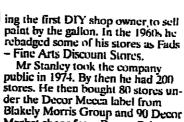
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do up their dilapidated homes cheaply. Mr Stanley had a nose for the market and in 1946 he was joined by his son, Malcolm, and opened another shop. In the 1950s Mr Stanley embraced the idea of pile 'em high, sell 'em low, becom-



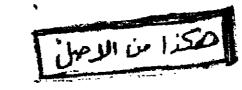


Market shops from Berger Paints. Then in 1980 our hero bought the Victoria Mills' wall coverings factory at Holmes Chapel from Crown Wall Coverings, and Mr Stanley launched a group of small ironmongers' shops called Mr Stanley.

More acquisitions followed - the Jacoa paint factory in Southall and the Home Charm chain of shops from Harris Queensway. By 1988 he had eight different store facias under his control. Then he sold out to Ward White, which was bought by Boots the following year.

So did Mr Stanley retire to Barba-dos to spend his loot! Not a chance. The Stanley family launched another DIY chain called Focus DIY. Talk about sticking to your core

John Willcock



Far East currency crisis savages HSBC and Standard

4865.4 -61.5. FTSE 250 4621.4 28.2 starring in a rampant banking FTSE 350 sector, were savaged as the stock market took fright over 2340.5 -26.7 SEAQ VOLUME the growing currency turmoil in the Far East.

The two banks have extensive Pacific connections and their shares, in busy trading, encountered determined selling. HCBC sterling-denominated shares slumped 150.5p to 1,960.5p and Standard 103.5p

After their rip-roaring run the two banks are clearly vul-nerable to any tidings of woe and they were unable to withstand the wild stories flying around about likely developments in the Far East.

Only weeks ago the market was awash with heady forecasts about HSBC, owner of Midland Bank, and Standard. Analysts were convinced they would move higher with, for example, some advocating that

HSBC and Standard Char-tered, only a few weeks ago

HSBC would soon hit 2,600p.

It did, earlier this month, achieve 2,347p but has since drifted lower.

The Far Eastern upheaval has caught the market on the hop. Thailand's well-documented problems were seen as an isolated, one-off problem; not one which could enguif other nations.

Standard had already weathered the Thailand financial crisis. Last month it was hit briefly by worries it had sustained heavy derivative losses following the slide in the country's once booming currency, The Malaysian ringgit is the latest casualty, hitting a new

low for the second day ruming. Indonesia's rupiah, the Singapore dollar and the Philippine peso were others under pres-

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dollar. The overnight 657-point fall to 1,4876.1 in the & Wireless, suffering the added distress of a loss by its Australian associate, had to Hang Seng share index was, however, dismissed as a techwrestle with its Hong Kong Telecom involvement, falling nical setback by some London traders. The success of the latest Hong Kong land auction, they suggested, showed the former colony's economic health was too robust for its currency to wilt under pressure. And the Chinese authorities were in a strong enough position to, if necessary, counter

The rapidly expanding Far East has provided a happy hunting ground for many companies and the impact of the Pacific storm was not con-

18.5p to 543p. Incheape, with extensive Pacific interests, lost 13.5p to 271.5p and luxury goods group Vendome fell 14.5p to 461p. Par Eastern investment trusts suffered the predictable pres-

Footsie fell 61.5 points to 4.845.4 with New York combining with the Far East to inflict a double whammy. US investors were again fretting about interest rates and the

The raft of company results was largely encouraging. Still, squeezed margins and Far Eastern exposure put Rolls-Royce into a spin, off 19p to 235.5p in heavy trading. Reckitt & Colman was another weaker, 20.5p to 961p, after re-

Heavy trading in Great Universal Stores lowered the price 12p to 633p and Vodafone fell 4.5p to 309.5p despite upgrades following better-than-expected subscriber figures. BT shaded to 402p with ar-bitrageur-inspired trading lift-ing Seaq turnover to nearly 85 million shares.

Telewest, the country's second-largest cable group, feli 4p to 75p although it denied merger talks, thought to be with NTL, had collapsed.

Scottish & Newcastle hardened to 724.5p on its trading statement and Allied Domecq hold". Ladbroke, on results,

firmed 1p to 261.5p.

Thistle Hotels, encouraged by Ladbroke's hotel returns, gained 10.5p to 153p. Commercial Union resisted the downward pressure, gain-ing 11p to 745.5p, just below its

year's peak, as takeover hopes stirred again. Norwich Union, on Halifax bid speculation, was at one time up 5p at 350.5p but ended 6p lower to 339.5p. Schroders, the investment group, edged ahead 17.5p to 1,882.5p. The market remains convinced a megabid in the financial sector is being prepared.

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disposal group on the end of an agreed 175p offer from General Utilities, the French group, rose 21p to 173p. Anglesey Mining, struggling

to reactivate mining on Parys Mountain in North Anglesey,

☐ Shares of Carbo, known as Hopkinsons until June, are bumping along near their low at 25p; they were 80p in 1992. After running into losses it has been pulled round. helped by a series of disposals and acquisitions which have reshaped the business. It is now focused on its abrasive operations which have grown following moves into distribution. Results for the year ended January are expected to emerge at around £1m, plus £600,000 of disposal profits. With recovery well under way and assets of 35p a share, Carbo may be tempted to clinch a significant acquisition next year.

☐ Build up at Serif, a struggling security printer, continues. John Gulliver and his associate have picked up a further 2.5 million shares, taking their holding to 20 per cent. The shares are 2p.

mings (P/E) ratio is the share

Electricity Shares High Street Banks



There are fears the raiding speculators will soon turn their attention to the Hong Kong fined to the two banks. Cable Dow Jones was sharply lower added 5.5p to 466p as Nat West rose 1p to 3.75p, reflecting a Securities said it was a "weak The Independent Index FTSE 100 - Real-time Market leaders: Top 20 volumes 1070000 SmlQ Beecham 1000000 Royal & Sun Alice 780000 1030000 Pilongion FTSE 100 Index hour by hour



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Haami to shine in the Solario

Island Magic, Brave Act and Lovely Millie have two things in common. The first is that all three were winners of the Solario Stakes within the last five years, the second that they slipped back into obscurity al-most as rapidly as they had emerged from it.

Rates

Despite this conspicuous lack of further success on the part of its winners, however, there are good reasons to believe that the latest renewal of this Group Three contest at Sandown this afternoon could be among the more significant juvenile races we have seen so far this season.

Or rather, not seen, unless you can absent yourself from work in mid-afternoon and find your way to a betting shop, since the Solario has been dropped from the Chan-nel 4 schedule just when it has produced a contest which might pull in the viewers.

In Haami and Almutawakel. the field contains two colts of immense promise, both unbeaten in two starts to date, while Sharp Play, beaten only by Aidan O'Brien's King Of Kings in two starts so far, offers a solid line to the best juvenile form in Ireland. Add in Henry Cecil's Tracking, who is 7lb better off after being beaten a neck by Haami last time out, and one way or another, Haami's latest odds for the 1998 2,000 Guineas are unlikely row," said Nicholls' wife Alex

A colt fancied for next year's 2,000 Guineas can restore prestige to today's Group Three event at Sandown. Greg Wood reports.

this evening.

Anyone who believes in the power of the pedigree will certainly be rooting for John Dunlop's run-ner this afternoon, By Nashwan out of Dunlop's Lupe Stakes winner Oumaldaaya, Haami has not let his parents down so far, recording smooth victories at Newmarket and Doncaster, and while a strict reading of the latter form gives Track-ing every chance today, Haami's superiority was far greater than the official margin might imply.

It will be a serious disappointment if he cannot find the neces-

Cross The Border made it five wins

from his last seven outings - all

within the space of six weeks -

when taking the Pergoda Appren-

from Pallium. "We'll give him a rest

now-he's not going to take up his engagement at Sandown tomor-

may turn to the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, which with Daggers Drawn (the Tote's 5-1 favourite for day suspension for irresponsible the 2,000 Guineas), King Of Kings (7-1) and Central Park (12-1) already among its possible runners, could prove to be the juvenile race

Tracking is one of six rides at Sandown today for Kieren Fallon, who starts the day one winner ahead of Frankie Dettori in the jockey's championship after a single success at Lingfield yesterday. Dettori remains a 2-5 chance with the Tote to finish the season in from Chepstow and looked at the

High five for Cross The Border

Greaves. "But he's in at Chester on Saturday and it all depends what

his owner Peter Savill wants to do."

Ladbrokes report interest in

Plaisir D'Amour for the Avr Gold

Cup Handicap on 20 September. Pasternak and Labeq have been

well backed with Ladbrokes for the

Cambridgeshire on 4 October.

to be unchanged at around 16-1 by form today, after which attention long odds on to lose his unexpected man Square today, against a five-day suspension for irresponsible

riding, due to start on Monday. Dettori had originally decided to accept the punishment, imposed after he forced his way out of a pocket on Cape Cross at Goodwood last Saturday, but apparently now feels he has nothing to lose by lodging an appeal, (bar a £300 deposit, which is hardly go-ing to force his bank manager to start bouncing his cheques).

"On Monday night I went home sary improvement to confirm that front, but the Italian must also be tape," Dettori said yesterday. "My

Best Valentine, Tadeo. Tiler, Westzmurt Megle, World Premier, Bahamian Besuty, No Estras, 33-1 bar. William Will: 12-1 Please of Amour (from 16-1), 16-1 Oggi (from 20-1), 20-1 Bahamian Besuty, Blessrighdisguse, Emerging Mariest, Fasewey Lass, My Best Valentine, No Estras, Tadeo, 25-1 bar. Totac 12-1 Pasier of Amour, 16-1 My Best Valentine, My Melody Parkes, 20-1 bar.

MARION PRIMES, 22-1 DBT.

CAMBREROSESMERE BETTING Leithroken: 10-1
Pasternok (from 14-1), 12-1 Labeq (from 14-1), 18-1
Armas, Crown Court, 27-1 Dr Marters, Hawksley
Hay, Kennerford Star, Marioc Mod, Song Of Freedom,
Southerly Wind, Startton Court, 25-1 bar.

Cape Cross, intend to take the matter any further. A belated investigation into an

altogether more serious matter may soon be underway in Australia, where a former stable lad has finally admitted that he doped Big Philou, who would have started a hot favourite for the Melbourne Cup, the race which stops the nation, in 1969.

John Gosden or Sheikh Mo-

Les Lewis, who has a terminal disease, had previously always denied the charge and was cleared by a jury in a court case in 1970, but told an Australian newspaper that he wanted to clear his conscience before he died.

Lewis claims that he was paid US\$10,000 to dope Big Philou, who stood to cost bookmakers a huge payout but was scratched from the Cup on the morning of the race. More significantly, Lewis says that the bookie who paid him is still vestigating his story.



Kings recently, tackles today's Solario Stakes

alive, and the police are now in- Sharp Play, Curragh runner-up to King Of

RESULTS

LINGFIELD

2.00: 1. GENEROUS EMBRACE (J Red) 7-4 far; 2. Just Another Time 4-1; 3. Petal-ing 8-1. 1.4 ran. nk. 4. (D Bsworth, Whit-comice). Total: £2.80; £1.30, £1.10, £2.80. Dual Forcest: £4.00. Computer Straight For-cast: £7.35. Tho: £17.30. Non Runner: Res-

urrection.
2.30: 1. BOGAN (M. Roberts) 14-1; 2. Dewello 16-1; 3. Star Term 10-1; 4. Signs And Wonders 7-1. 16 ran. 4-1 fav Wretever's Right (6th). 1/4. 1. (Lord Hurrington, Wast Isley). Tette 222-90: 53.50, 24.60, West Isley, Tette: £22.50; £3.50, £4.50, £2.40, £2.30, DF: £199.70, CSF: £219.33. Tricest: £2.263.16. Tho: £611.40 (part won, pool of £697.52 carried forward to Sandown 4.10 today). 3.00; 1. MUTAMAM (R Hills) evens far; 2.

Dancing Phontom 11-4; 3. Risade 25-1. 11 mm. 1½, % (A Stewart, Newmerket). Tota: £2-10; £1-10, £1-40, £5-90. OF: £2-40, CSF: £3-42. Tito: £59-50. NF: Quinus. 3.30: 1. SADIAN ((Felon) 3-1; 2. Zydeco Evens fav; 3. Mountib 7-1. 11 man. nk, 1%. (H Cecil, Newmarket). Totac £5.00; £1.50, £1.20, £2.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.10. Tric:

15.50.
4.00: 1. MY MELODY PARKES (G Carter)
9-1; 2. Cathedral 11-10 fay, 3. Desking Blue
13-8. 5 zan. ½, 2. (J Berry, Cockertern). Totec
£9.80; £2.80, £1.40. DF: £10.80. CSP.
£1.747, Non Runners: Brave Erigs, Willow

4.30: 1. BOLD BUSTER (M HBs) 8-1; 2. Prospero 16-1; 3. Palaerson 10-1, 15 ras. 7-2 Sav Newport Knight (4th). 1%, 1%. () Balding, Vingscland). Toke: £13.60; £4.50, £5.70, £3.50. DF: £200.20. CSF: £139.15. Tricast: E1_233.79. The: not won (pool of £1_007.43 carried faward to Sandown 4.10 today). NR. Warren Kright.

5.00: 1. SPOWITZ (A Whelen) 13-2; 2.

Princips 11-2: 3. Rear Window 14-1, 14 ran. 4-1 far Robbo. hd, 5. (C C)cer, Horsham). Totax: £8.60; £2.20, £2.60, £5.80. DF; £26.60, CSP; £43.11. Tricast: £470.15. Tric on (pool of £17,910.79 ca

ried forward to Sandown today). Placepoi: £127.30. Quadpoi: £24.20. Place 6: £88.74. Place 5: £58.25.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Shawm (Sandown 3.05) NB: Bound To Please (Sandown 2.00)

MUSSELBURGH

2.20: 1. SAMS REVALE (K Darley) 8-1: 2. Oriel Sirt 8-15 far; 3. Fin Not Same 10-1. 7 ran. 1%, 6. (B Meehan, Lambourn). Tota: £8.40; £2.70, £1.10. DF. £2.40. CSF.

£3.70, £1.80, DP. £38.90, CSP: £48.51, Uncast, £276.08, 3.20; 1. WARRIOR NING () F Egan) 11-4; 2. Hi Mattablé 9-4 fay, 3. Dalathae 5-1, 9 ran. 2, %, £0.0pp., Neumarket), Totas: £3.70; £1.20, £1.10, £2.50, DP. £3.50, CSP: £3.50, filosit; £23.30, Tito: £7.00, 3.50; 1. NOVALONG (§ Branchest) 3-1; 2. Boulevard Rouge 7-1; 3. Loniof Love 10-1, 10 ran. 5-2 fay Lusham (489, 1, %, (M Brittahn Meanmarketh, Totas: £5.90; £1.40,

Bonisserd Rouge 7-1; 2. Lonfof Love 10-1
10 ran. 5-2 for Lestann (Aft), 1, 1/4, (M Brittain, Newmarken). Toba: £5.90; £1.40, £1.50, £3.60 DF £10.00 CSP; £22.42 Titos: £168, 77: Tito: £40.50.
4.20: 1. MOMARCH'S PURSUIT () Forunci; 5-1; 2. Grafe Times 6-1; 3. River of Fortine 11-8 fox 8 ran. 1/4, 2/4, (T Estatty, Maiton). Tota: £5.60; £2.10, £4.20. DF: £16.60. CSF: £37.36.
4.50: 1, CROSS THE BORDER (P Roberts) 5-2 fax; 2. Pallium 20-1; 3. Rebeast 12-1; 4. Southiers, Doublider 20-1, 18 ran. 1/4, 2. (D Nichols), This 30, Tota: £3.00; £1.10, ct. 12.00; £1.10.

(D Nicholis, Thirsid), Total: £3.00; £1.10, £3.70, £8.60, £4.50, DF: £50.50, CSF: £60.90, Thirsit: £532.30, Thir: £264.70, NF: Pincepot: £82.99, Quadpot: £27.20. Pince 8: £116.97, Pince 5: £92.34.

2.10: 1. EDEN DANCER (P Alven) 2-1; 2. Willy Star 10-11 far; 3. Nomics 10-1, 6 ran. 1½, 3½. (Vis M Reveley). Tota: £2.50; £1.00, 17, 37, (48 m receipt), 1901 2251; 1101; 52.30, Dr. 51.60, (SF: 54.32 2.40: 1. RED JAM MR (K. Interson) 4-1; 2. Ballindeo 7-2; 3. Sheet Gloset 5-2 fav. 8 rise. 10, 8. S. Bell, Toke 56.20; 22.40, 51.90, Dr. 58.80. CSP: £16.22, NR: Persian

Mystic.
3.10: 1. TWO FOR ONE (A-Thomton) 7-1;
2. Corporal (Arkwood 3-1; 3. Primos Baltens 16-1, 8 ran. 6-4 to Wild Brook. 1%,
6. (Mas. Jucade V Russell). Tota: 22-80;
51.50, 51.70, DF: 53.70. CSP 58.41.
3.40: 1. THE TOASTER (Mr C Borner) 6-4
tor; 2. Cross Carmoo 5-2; 3. Another Red
14-1, 5-m. 14, 24. (Aless M Millern). Tota:

14-1.5 spa. 1%, 24. (Miss M Million). Total: £2.00; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSP: £5.63. 4.10-1 SAUCY NUN (E Husband 9-1; 2. Lovi of the Hyags 4-7 tay, 2. High Collects 16-1.8 mm, 14, 19. (P Histo, Total £12-30; £4-00.£1 10. DF: £4-60. CSP £14-61. 24UL 21.10. DP: £4.60. USP: £14.61.
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GOING: 5f course - (Good to Soft); round course - Good to Soft (Good in places). Penetrometer reading 4.4.

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— 12 declared — Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weights: Silant Pride 7st 6th, Setts 7st 4th. get, 9-1 High Carry, 10-1 Fact Rampo, Going Places, High Calan, Sades, 22-1 Facile Rigns, 16-1 Shant Paide 1996: Rudi's Pet 2 9 7 Done O'Neil 13-2 (R Hannort) drawn (2) 8 ram

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BOUND TO PLEASE was in front and looking the likely winner only to fly-jump and hit the
ed a furlong out in Monte Lemos's race over course and distance two weeks ago. Peter
Makin's charge, short-headed by Golden Spragy in a field of 20 at Windsor before that, deserves a change of luck and it might be forthcor ring here even if he is on too weight in deserves a charge or now out it may not be come to Peace should again take once of Sepreama Angel (20) worse off, Means Business (same terms) and Sillant Pride (5th better), who finished second, third and fourth to Monte Lamos here separated by two lengths and a short head. Means Business, who had to be snatched up inside the final furlong this and a short head. Means Business, who had to be snatched up inside the final furlong this day, might provide most danger. Dancing loon made it that time budy when running on well to strike form at Haydock three weeks ago – Italian Rose beatan tittle more than a length in third and 4th better. Dancing loon is the type who can continue on the upgrade and has a favourable draw, while she comes from Richard Hannon's stable, which has a good record in this type of event and took the corresponding race a year ago with Rudi's two. and isn't well drawn in stall two. Bound To Please should again take

2.35 DORKING MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 370 filles 1m 2f 7yds Penalty Value £3,485

BETTING: 5-4 Shanka, 15-8 Carzon Street, 5-2 Dovedon. Star, 20-1 Snowcap, 23-1 Spirit Lady

Dovedoe Ster finished about a length in front of SHASKA when they were founth and shith of 12 to Light Programme at Newmarket seven weeks ago but my selection, who was mak-ing her debut and was to easy to back - 8-1 to whice those odds - is bound to programs and should turn the form around. She is a close relation to dual Eclipse and Juddinonte International snould turn the form around. Sine is a close relation to dual traipse and Judditionse International hero Halling. Dovedon Star was having her third race at Newmarket and later took minor ho-nours against Zerpour at the same mack. Curzon Street, a two-length fourth behind Resp-sake under 9st 1000 in a handicap at Salisbury last time conceding the witner 18th, might prove a bigger timest than Dovedon Star.

HYPERION

2.10 Rasayel 2.45 Guaranteed 3.15 Concer Un

3.50 Bodfaridistinction 4.20 Dirab 4.55

STALLS: 1m 2f – stands side; rest – inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

Left-hand, tight, circular course. Not suitable for long-striding

houses.

E Course is near centre of city on A548. Chester General station
Im. ADMOSSION: County Enclosure 3.15; Tattersalls 58; Dec Sand
54; Course 52. CAR PARE: 52.

ELEADING TRAINERS: J Berry 18 from 130 (13.8%), M Stoute
16 from 73 (21.9%), R Hannon 14 from 72 (19.4%), A Balley
14 from 154 (9.1%).

16 from 73 (21.7%).

14 from 154 (9.1%).

12 from 154 (9.1%).

13 LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 18 from 83 (21.7%), Par Eddery 16 from 76 (21.1%), K Fallon 16 from 109 (14.7%), L Detroit 14 from 50 (17.5%).

PAVOUNTES: 130 wins in 308 macs (42.1%).

HLINKREED FIRST TIME: Segebrush Roller (2.10); Rewardia (visured, 2.45); Bodfaridistinction (2.50).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Highborn (3.15) won

is Ripon on Monday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Durser (2.45) seed 225 takes by

2.10 WHRAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 1m 2f 75yds

003360 RASKUEL (28) (C) (D) P Sents 7 10 0 ____ A McCarthy (S) 8
4-80250 SHMHM (1) (D) D Haydn Joos 7 9 12 __louisve Richards (S) 7
151033 MAD MILITANT (LS) (C) A Streeter 8 9 7 _____ R Stringed 1
122304 MARKINEKIROUS (21) (CD) E ASSO 5 9 4 Michaely Woods (S) 5

MERCEUROUS (21) (20) Extraor 59 4 Jahren W

HAZZILA (41) (D) A STREET 586.

Attricum neight 7st 100. Trus mirchtap weight. Anjaner 7st Sto. BETUNG: 9-4 Portin Sophie, 7-2 Ambidestrous, 5-1 Med Miller Westbridge Led, 10-1 Shahik, 12-1 Micrish Princess, 14-1 Sage

2.45 (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 7f 2yds

steed, 100-30 Lift The Offer, 4-1 Ry By Hight, 8-1

___K Dadey 2

....R Cockers 5

I Duniop from Arundel, West Sussess

Roller, 20-1 Marilla, 25-1 Ibalareer, Ranaye

54 DURAR (16) J Duniop 9 0....

534 REMARDIA (20) P Exerc 89.

Darer, 7-1 Royal Ground, 8-1 O'Kelly, 25-1 Language

PLY BY NIGHT M Stocks 90 GUARANTEED (13) 8 HBs 90 ...

(10ELLY (0EN) (28) R GUEST 89...

AVR GOLD CUP BETTING Ladiarolese: 12-1 Pales D'Amour (from 14-1), 15-1 Faravery Lass, 089, 20-1 Blessingnidaguse, Double Solendour, Emelging Mar-het, Parryston View, 25-1 Ethant, Guelle Storm, My William Hit: 10-1 Pasternek, 12-1 Laber (from 16-1), 14-1 Arryes, 16-1 Song Of Freedom, 20-1 Cosen Court, Durapour, Hewistey Hit, Sarayar, Stanton Court, 25-1 bar. 3.05 BC EXECUTIVE TRAVEL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 addled 3VO 1m 14yds Penalty Value £5,250 245210 SHARM (41) (D) (Shelin Mohammed) D Loter 9 7.

2	W-035	AFTITUDE (27) (BF) (Greenfeet) Leb H Candy 9 5	C Region 4
3	23-22	GREEN POWER (71) (D) (Dessier Limited) J Farstraine 9.5	_N S Vicence !
4		TELEMANA (15) (8F) U D Asterheim W Hagges 9 3	
5	31426	ZDOM UP (20) (D) (K Maeda) N Heaton-Sits 93	S Senders 1
6	323504	JUST NECK (13) (D G Clarke) W Mur 9 2	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
7		SELIK ST JOHN (20) (C) (C) R S Partners) M Ryan 9 0	
8		TEST THE WATER (62) 987 U.S. Threadaigh R Harmon 8 12	
9		AL MASROOR (USA) (21) (D) (Al Mastim Partnership) J W Payne 8 11 De	
10		SAFFRON ROSE (22) (D) (The Lower Bouden & Syndicate) M Blanshard & S	
11		BLEMBLEY HILL (27) (BF) (Anthony Pye-Jeany) R Johnson Houghton B.B	
12		HEART PULL OF SOUL (48) (D) (Christopher Wingst) P Cale 8 7	
13		ABANANY (6) (D) (John White and Partners) M Charmon 8 6 (Gas)	
14	150-44	RRIFA (19) (BF) (Hamdan Al Maldoum) P Wateryn 8 4	PHDs 11
15	0-0430	KAFIL (USA) (18) (C F Spanowhank) G L Moore B 1	M Roberts 14
		_ 1E declared _	

- 15 decisned -BETTING: 6-1 Green Power, 7-1 Af Mauroor, 8-1 Attitude, Just Nick, 9-1 irtife, Silk St John, 10-1 Saffron Rose, Shawa, Yelemanie, Zooze Up, 12-1 Abejany, Blowbary Hill, Reart Full Of Soul, Kelli, 18-1 Test The Water 1996: Select Few 3 9 S O Uttins 13-2 (L Currani) drawn (6) 13 ran

FORM GUIDE

Lightly raced GREEN POWER, after winning a Windsor malden in May, was beaten three parts of a length by AL Mastroor at Ripon the following month and can average that defeat on 2th better terms even if he hasn't raced since. Al Mastroor has had four outlings scroe, being placed in three of them, the latest when third to five-length scorer Mirtiz at Satisbury. Although he has gened just the single win, at Followstone (soft) last season, Just Mick has only twice been out of the firme in a dozen races. He finished a close-up fourth to Young Precedent at Newbury on his latest appearance and could go close racing off a pound lower mark and with John Reld taking the ride. Zhoes Up, jurraced at two, landed a Warwick maden in May on his second outing and had a length and a half in hand of Attitude (5th better off) when bestern that mengh by Stitest at Newmarket set morth. However, Zoom Up was well bester on soft ground at Ayr the time before Newmarket and could do no better than firsts a still-length soft to Queen's Consul at Haydock last time. Shamen, successful at Ripon on his persultants mun, could manage only fourth, at eight lengths, to Reaths when 3-1 on at Beverley in May on similar ground to today's. Blewberry Hill is another who would prefer a faster surface.

Selection: GREEN POWER

3.40 SOLARIO STAKES (Group 3) (CLASS A) £30,000 added 2YO 7f 16yds Penalty Value £18,930

1996: Brave Act 2 8 11 G Duffield 9-2 (Sir M Prescott) drawn (1) 7 ran

FORM GIADE

HAMII, one of the favountes for next year's 2,000 Gamees and unlesten after a couple of races, both over today's trip, should extend the sequence to three. The Nashwan colt, out of Ournadosya (half-sister to 1994 Derby victor Enseth), went off at evens when making his debut at Nassemiries seven weeks ago and duly obliged, defeating Opera King two lengths in a race which is working out very well. Opera House scored next time, while Tindent, Outsourcing and Bobbydezde, who finished third, fourth and sixth, have also gone on to win. Hasani followed with a neck victory over Timedring at Doncaster when getting 7th and, although the pair ranew rhealty at levels today, the selection should confirm superiority, as he was still green on Town Moor and had something in hand. Alterativewheat also comes here with a 100 per cent record after two runs, besting Ray's Folly (who finished last next time when 4-1 on) over course and distance on Eclipse day and landing odds of 9-2 at Newmarket, beating soldary rivel Mijana (a previous and subsequent winner) two lengths. He and solitery must Milliana is previous and subsequent winner) two lengths. He market, beating solitary risel Mijarra (a previous and subsequent winner) two lengths. He handles cut in the ground and is enotifier open to further improvement. Even so, Sharp Play looks Hearni's most denigarous rivel. Mark Johnston's cott, a 18-1 shot when coming home by three lengths on his improduction at York last month, showed that was no flute when bearen a length and a half by Ming Of Rings at the Cumagh, where there was a four-length gap to the triant, Photogenic twho landed a Listed race at Leopardissown last week). Alden O'Brien's Cellic Cavaller, who justified favourities at Govern Park 16 days ago on his only outing to other, is tried in a visor this time. The headigar worked for substainance Seatings Springs (who stormed home by five lengths at York ten days ago), while Harbour Mester (another from the same yand) landed the Covernty at Royal Ascot in first-time birrikers. Selection: HAAMI

Ĺ	4 <u>.w</u>	£5,000 added 2m 78yds Penalty Value £3,696
1		SIEGE PERSONS (16) (C) (S Demanuele) S C Williams 4 10 0 Dethori :
2		SHADERHOUN (30) (D) (SE) (Chie Batt) R Alterust 6 9 12
3	445483	CASTLE COURRESCOUS (17) (0) (Lady M Mounton) Lady Harries 10 9 11 & Million (5)
4	0005-0	NAME OF OUR FATHER (USA) (FS) (T M Monte) P Bowen 4 9 9
5		COURSAND. (8) (8F) (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) M Pipe 5 8 13
6	000501	SERIOUS TRUST (6) (Peter J Allen) Mrs L Jewell 4 8 9 (4ex)
7	052111	GRIGER ROGERS (22) (D) (W H Porsonby) D Arbushnot 3.8.7
8	331112	PADIGO DAYAN (22) (BF) (Greenland Park Ltd) M Johnston 3 & 5
9	0.0024	MECK OF TIME (35) (RF) (Mea D Abbott (Susan Abbott Recing) J Dunlop 3 8 4 @ Curter
1	0 0-2516	ZAPARELLI (34) (8F) (R M Els) J Jeniers 3 8 4
1	003121	PREVIOUS FROTURE (34) (John M. Jechson) D. Marks 6 8 3

3.15 EASTGATE RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 7f 2yds

ERAC (10) B Paling 691

SETTING: 4-1 Concer Un. 6-1. Mart The Benr, 13-2 Royal Mind; 7-1 Nomero Bir Nicogoy, 8-1 Garige, 9-1 Rigitores, 10-1 Star Talent, 12-2 Mr Beng-erac, Q Factor, Zybutt, 14-1 Double-1, 25-1 Mujova, 33-1 Contion

3.50 COMBERNERE STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500

41506 BODYNSONSTRICTION (26) (C) (B) A Bally 8 11_D Widel: 3 5

4.20 BLACKFRIARS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m

5202-4 SEA WICTOR (C170) (C) (D) J1 Home 5 9 12 JR Fitmach (S) 2 (32120 REX MIUNEN (22) (C3) (P) Blanc 5 9 2 JF Blanc 8 (032120 REX MIUNEN (22) (C3) (D) (C3

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RETTRIC: 2-1 Viold Romana, 5-1 Dirah, 6-1 Registrins Law, 7-1 Rev Mand, 8-1 Sea Victor, Sogn Hank, 10-1 Triby, 14-1 Unchanged

4.55 RED DEER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,500 added 370 1m 2f 75yds

– 10 declared – BETTHER 11-4 Brandow Jack, 9-2 Selictic, 5-1 Namence, 17-2 Title Rus-in, 9-1 Elchrobacier, 10-1 Yabbat & Suitan, Decress, 12-1 Tycone Test,

16-1 My Valentina, 20-1 Books

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added 2YO fillies 8f 18yds

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0/0085 SUBTRE TOUCH (I/A) (Elis Stud Partnersha) P Gilligan 6 8 0.

2006: Chris's Lad 5 9 8 B Doyle 10-1 (B Meehan) Grawn (4) 11 ran FORM GUIDE

PORM GLIDE

BNDIGO DAWN has had a successful serior rose here. Mark Johnston's filly sparked
a hat-trick on good to soft going at Hamilton last month, following up when maskering Hasswitck (who is twice her age) half a length at Wanwick and she made a winning 84-weather
debut at Southwell before finding Basabanco a couple of lengths too good at Newcastle. debut at Southwell before finding Bossbanco a couple of lengths too good at Newbasson. With ther proven ability to act on the ground, Indigo Dawn can confirm from with Histwick even on 4th worse terms. Histwick went on to defeat the odds-on Sudest a length at Bath - Custle Conregious, a stu-length third and 6th better in but past his best at the age of tan. Shadimuse handles cut in the ground and ran his best race in ages when inched out by Brighter Byfer at Bath five weeks ago. He was beaten three-quarters of a length by Cloud inspector in the two-and-a-half-miler at Glorious Goodwood and is 5th higher for this but could still have a say in the finish. Siege Perilious is a genuine and consistentity be but even he might be anchored by the 10st and the one to cause the selection most trouble is another fifly in the shape of Ganger Rogers, who was completing a hist-trick when scraping home at Bath.

Selection: INDIGO DAWN

4.45 CLAYGATE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 added 3YO

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1	0453	AZORES (11) (H R H Prince Fahr) Salment P Cale 93	
2		MANGLES PRINCE (7) (David Barker) G Lewis 9 3	
3	160106	MERCILESS COP (7) (D) Mano (préench) B Mesten 8 13	M. Tebbott 10 B
4	333-14	ALL IN LEATHER (15) (D) (BP) (Chardley Park Stud) W Haggas 89	Flynch 8
5		BERYLLIUM (50) (T Herbert-Jackson) R Hennon 89	
6	60-605	ORONTES (USA) (SS) (J A Lazzari) R Hannon & 9	Reld 5
7	200003	TULSA (14) (Boan Guitby Ltd) B Guitby 87	
8	55400	REEDS (8) (Mrs Derfs Haynes) J Farshave 8.5	
9	6	BRIGHT FOUNTAIN (102) (Mrs C M Poland) H Cardy 8.2	A McGlone 7
10	000-	MISKIN HEIGHTS (280) (Mrs Baine M Bude) X Burle 8 2	2 مطول تــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ
11	04263	BROWELL (13) (M F Carbeign) A Hide 8 1	R Mullen (6) 9 B
12	400-00	OAKBROOK ROSE (24) (The Guell: First M Muggerlige & O	
		- 12 declared -	
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Toka, 12-1 Berylliam, 20-1 others 1996: Prime Volta 3 8 7 Dane O'Nell 7-2 (R Hannon) drawn (5) 8 ran

ed she can act on it, the fifty can record her first turf success, having gained his only win to date on the sand at Wolverhampton. Mercileas Cop goes on the ground and could trouble the best of these, while Azores, third to Dead Alm at Windsor on his handicap debut, and

5.20 GUILDFORD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 5f 6yds Penalty Value £3,810 4230 AT LANSE (52) (5 Herson) J Fanshewe 3 9 30 00 424 MUTASHAMMAR (51) (M S Saunders) M Saunders 3 9 8 220416 CORNICHE QUEST (10) (M Behno) M Chemon 4 9 7 ___R Price : 103056 SOMESHEET (5) (b) (Mrs.) S.E. Tumer) M. Sounders 4.9.7. 414436 TIMIER OSMASTON (17) (b) (John Luft) R. Hodges 6.9.3. 124205 BARRANAK (16) (D) (M. Mac Carthy) G. McCourt 5.9.2.... 334261 HALF TONE (16) (CD) (MIS G M) Terri erman) R Romer 591.

1996: Squire Come 4 8 2 Gaye Harwood (7) 11-2 (6 Harwood) drawn (14) 15 gan

THREE CSMASTON acts on the going and can return to winning from the best draw in stall 12. The mane, a four-length south to Mousehole at Bath last time, was a Window winer in June and ran well to make the teams in her following three starts. She holds Run for The Family on her Lingleid fourth to Bowden Rose. Half Tone won at Coodwood in May (good to soft) and had the best of the draw when gating home by a head over course and distance two weeks ago. She is in star one every but in an increase then three lengths in fifth fone can confirm course running with Barramak (beater more then three lengths in fifth and 8th better) in Character Quest, and 8th better). Consider Quest, stands her racing well and acts on the ground, while we have yet to see the best of lightly many Mathematicae.

Selection: TRIVER OSMASTON distance two weeks ago. She is in stall one today but might still provide most danger. Ha Tone gan confirm course running with Barramak (beaten more than three lengths in lift

Hamed has to lower

DAVID FIELD

give up his International Boxing Federation title rather than go through with a mandatory defence against California's Hector Lizarraga - a fight his promoter Frank Warren de-

holder, Luis Espinosa, has told Warren that Hamed is not on his agenda until next summer, while the World Boxing Assoquez is demanding too much money to trade punches with Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation champion.

Hamed against an opponent to be named later at Sheffield

Football

AKTIONNUE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREST DAYSJON Stockport v Birmingham (7-45) SAMBOOFF BESH LEAGUE Promier Division: Bal-ternen v Chimmen

HYPERION

2.20 Pearls Of Thought 2.55 Amiah 330 Tough Test 4.00 Filintiock 4.30 Paparazzo 5.05 Peggy Gordon GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

Eight-hand course with sharp turns, Run-in 280yds.
Course is in Scoue Palace Park, 4m north of town on AB3. Bus es from Perth station (service from Dundee) 4m. ADMISSION: Members £12; Tattersalls & Paddock £7 (OAPs & disabled £4); Course 52. CAE PARK: 55 Picnic area including maxim iour adults, remainder free.

LEADING TEANNERS: Mrs M Reveley 22 from 56 (39.3%),
M Elemented 22 from 82 (22.4%), G Richards 18 from 82 (22%),
P Monteith 16 from 76 (21.1%).

ELEADING JOCKETS: P Niven 24 from 75 (32%), A Dobbin 18 from 77 (23.4%), B Storey 13 from 128 (10.2%), R Gazzitty 11 from 51 (31.6%).

E PAVOURITES: 69 wins in 163 races (45%). BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Ramy Blade (330); Walls Court (430). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Fibulock (4,00) won at Carturel on Monday, Good Hand (5.05) was at Re

LONG-DESTANCE EUNNERS: Pride Of Kaslenir (2-20), Am-lah (2-55), Distent Memory (3-30) & Sexon Mend (4-30) sent 429 miles by P Hobbs from Bilbrook, Somenset.

2.20 ABERDEEN ASSET NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,500 added 2m 4f 110yds

0112-1 AMLER (USA) (SEQ (CO) P Hobbs 5 11 2 ______ B Powell (2016 B HOLDERS HILL (SEQ (D) M Meagher 5 10 9 _____ A P MicCoy (DP-5 BLISE CHEQUER (SEQ T) Desgray 6 10 7 ______ A Thornton -3 de

3A53P TIGHTER BUDGET (181) (C) D Sayer 10 11 10.21 McGrath (B) P(20-1 TOUGH TEST (840 (CD) Mrs) Goordelow 7 11 8...... 8 Stoney 3011-4 SLOTUMATIQUE (84) (CD) (BF) G Referets 8 11 6 A Dobbie B 42-SA1 DISTURT MEMORY (12) (CD) P Hoote 8 11 6 ___ B Powell B 23-24P (RUSTY BLADE (21) (CD) P Moreoth 8 10 2 ___ R Johnson B

SETTING: 2-1 Peerls Of Thought, 9-4 Pride Of Machasir, 5-2 Coffs 8-1 Fear Proas Home, 18-1 Dennieg Cornsonant, 28-1 others 2.55 MARKETING MIX NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m

SETTING: 1-4 Amiab, 3-1 Holders HE. 33-1 Sins Checue

ABERDEEN ASSET HANDICAP CHASE 3.30 (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m

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4.00 ABTRUST SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £3,500 added 2m 110yds

4.30 ABERDEEN NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f 110yds LFIGS3 MASSER NIT (97) (20) J Billings 8 11 10 Mr M Braditums (7) 080-25 PAPARAZZO (13) 6 M Moote 6 11 2 R Theoretic (3) 05463 MONREY WENCH (85) Mrs J Condision 6 10 13 B Storty P2U,IF64 WANLES COURT (4) (0) J Birnett 10 10 13 M Moloney B FFPO0 MR SLOAM (151) J Golde 7 10 5 R Michards (5) FF23-5 SAXON MEAD (27) (85) P Hobbs 7 10 2 Powell LPPRF TOMP'S FERLINGS (28) (5) Mrs D Thorston 9 10 0 A Thornton

Minimum weight: 10st. True handkep weight: Tony's Feelings Ser 12ie. BETTING: 5-2 Paparazza, 3-1 Samo Mend, 7-2 Monkey Wench, 5-1 far XE, 13-2 Walls Court, 12-1 Tony's Feelings, 25-1 für Steen

5.05 ABERDEEN ASSET HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 3m 110yds

3F532 CHILL WIND (P11) N Bycok 8 10 12 R Supple 4135-6 PEGGY EDEDON (85) (CD) Mrs D Thornson 6 10 9. L O'Hara EET/INC: 11-10 Good Hand, 5-2 Poppy Gordon, 4-1 Chill Wood, 7-1 White

Mutamam, regarded as Alec Stewart's best two-year-old, created a favourable impression on his debut in Division One of the Boddingtons Manchester Gold Maiden Stakes at Ling field yesterday. The colt scored comfortably by a length and a quarter from Dancing Phantom Richard Hills sent the Hamdam Al Maktoum owned juvenile to the front inside the final furlong for a decisive victory. Mark Childs wart's travelling head lad, said: "He showed he was the best of our colts from the momen he started galloping at home. Richard said that he won despite not liking the ground. Petal Girl, his dam, is a half sister Mtoto, and he looks to

be a fine prospect."

Five British challengers stood their ground yesterday for Sunday's Group Two Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel over an extended mile and a half. Strategic Choice (Paul Cole) is joined by Kutta (Robert Armstrong), Lord Of Men (John Gosden), Taipan (John Dunlop) and Camporese (Peter Chapple-Hyam).

German best at daring in the rain

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY

reports from Mannheim

Two rounds of controlled daring left Germany's Ludger Beerbaum and Britain's John Whitaker holding the top two places in the European Show Jumping Championships, after the first of three legs was com-

pleted yesterday.
Whitaker had seemed to judge his faultless round in this speed contest to perfection when he took the lead on the youthful looking 17-year-old Virtual Village Welham. But Beerbaum, the 1992 Olympic champion, was always going to he a threat with the speedy mare Sprehe Ratina, who duly raced round the rain-sodden arena to take an invincible lead.

"I knew John was not going to make too many mistakes in the next two parts of the championship and I was not going to give up on the first day." Beernaum said.

Germany are without their world champion, Franke Sloothaak, who injured himself when slipping up on some steps at home. Nevertheless, they also third place individually (through Lars Nieberg on For Pleasure) and the lead for the team title which will be decided after today's two-round contest. They are followed by Britain, the Netherlands and Switzerland, the holders of the European team title which they won in St Gallen two years ago.

The St Gallen contest was more seriously marred by rain, with the Germans pulling out the day before the competition started because of the state of the grass arena. The Mannheim arena has an artificial surface. which was not too badly damaged by yesterday's relentless downpour.

Though it resembled the sea shore, horses were able to slap through the puddles without too much trouble. "The ground stood up well," John Whitaker said. "If it had been a grass arena, it would probably have been impossible to jump.'

Geoff Billington, first to go for the British team yesterday, made his only mistake when It's Otto hit the over out of double, the seventh of 14 fences. His time was moderate and, having incurred the fivesecond penalty for his error, he is in 26th place.

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Michael Whitaker, who was clear until hitting the last fence on Ashley, went at a smarter pace and lies tenth. So, too, did Robert Smith who is 13th on Senator Tees Hananer, the Dublin Grand Prix winner, who made his only mistake at the water.

his sights

Boxing

Nascem Hamed's ambition of winning all four world featherweight title belts is beginning to look a distant dream. Hamed has been forced to

scribes as "meaningless".
The World Boxing Council ciation champion Wilfredo Vas-

Warren will now promote Arena on 11 October - also under serious consideration is a fight against the WBO superbantamweight champion, Junior Jones, later this year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 trainess stated NATIONWIDE FOO

Symens v Colesens. SESTER CEP First Divisions: Limewady Utol v Car-SESTER CEP First Divisions: Lame v Distrillery. HARP LASER NATIONAL LEAGUE OF INSLAND Premier Division: St. Psoná's Ath v Deny City FA CUP ProEstinary round: Everwood Touri v Durham City; Lye Town v Evesham Utd (7.45). Rugby League

Rugby Union CLUB MATCHES: Llendovery v Eshriburgh (7.0); Nessh v Scottish Bonders (7.0); Pontypridd v Caer-philly (7.15). Speedway

Other sports 90MLS: EMBA Nisional Championships (Morthing): Adamor Rem World Championship (Lianahmade)

Chris Hewett reports on the Fijian who aims to prove the doubters wrong when he plays for Leicester in the Allied Dunbar Premiership season, which starts tomorrow

elusions, fallacies, mis-conceptions. Waisale Serevi, the Fijian maestro whose unique gifts of mastery and mystery mark him so obviously as a rugby player of tare genius, tries hard to disguise his exasperation as he gives the lie to yet another of the received wisdoms that follow him around like a ball and chain, but a minute narrowing of the eyes and pursing of the lips give the game away.

He has heard them all a million times over. yet still they The Leicester have the capacity to frustrate. forwards win Serevi is a sevens player and quality ball and definition." no more: he can't play fif-teens." "Serevi if I see some of about the init, who knows?' er? Serevi is big boys. He'li

or two." Serevi can only play when the sun is beating down. He'll be like a block of ice come January." Given that the 29-vear-old from Suva can count his English appearances on the fingers of one hand. Joe Public seems to know an awful

lot about his shortcomings. We'll take the insolent presumptions one by one, then. Sevens and only sevens? "Mmmm, I think you'll find he can play whatever game of rugby you ask him to play," says Bob Dwyer, the Leicester coach who has

that effectively begins tomorrow, when the Tigers take on Gloucester in their opening Allied Dunbar Premiership set-toof the new season. "If a player of real talent could do it in sevens but not fifteens, you'd have to look at the coach. I might be putting myself up there to be shot at, but I don't think I'm risk-

ing my backside on this one." Too small, then? "Small? You're joking," scoffs Dwyer. "He's built like a brick outhouse. Have you seen those

thighs? Those forearms? I doubt if there's player at better muscular

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more than hapbe found out py to answer when he gets caught in a ruck this one himself. "I've just played through three Japanese winters and I know all about snow," he points out. "I admit to feeling the cold during the World Cup sevens at Murrayfield in '93, but even the New Zealanders were mouning that weekend. It was freezing. Then Dwyer chips in again. They turn out on absolute mudheaps in Fiji, you know. Either that or on

something resembling concrete. He'll be fine, I promise you." The proof of this particular pudding will be in the playing, of course. Serevi has been selected on the wing tomorrow -Welford Road on a two-year deal ask Dwyer which wing and he a cross between David Campese



15-a-side rugby and with Mr

Brad Johnstone coaching us

[endearingly, he never refers to the former All Black prop with-

out the prefix "Mr"]. I believe

we can achieve great things in

"In Fiji, as in the other south

seas island, the grass is always

greener for young, ambitious

players. They see more lucrative

don't blame them for leaving.

We are a small country and it

has been damaging for us, but

now we are bringing people

back to Fiji and beginning to

translate our sevens successes

to the bigger game. We beat Western Samoa by 60 points last

who played that day still cannot

stures, more money, in New Zealand and Australia and 1

that direction.

replies, only half-joking: "Whichever wing he likes" - so it is perfectly possible that he will be starved of the oxygen of possession and left to kick his heels a là Rory Underwood in all those one-dimensional Leicester sides of none-toodistant memory. He does not anticipate asphyniation by bore-dom, however. "In Fiji, I was without the ball for many years.
The Leicester forwards win

quality ball and if I see some of

who knows?

Who indeed, for Serevi is capable of anything. He can play full-back, wing, centre, outsidehalf or even scrum-half, he is a goalkicker of Test class and possesses a sidestep, a body swerve, a hitch-kick and a double shuffle of such baffling superiority that it is no exaggeration to describe him as

and Harry Houdini. Oh yes, he's quick, too. Devastatingly quick. Rugby has been the instinctive street sport for generations of Fijian children and

Serevi began playing as a 10-year-old. "I was always small compared to the rest, at least in terms of height," he admits, conscious of his 5ft 4in frame. But his extraordinary ability as a ball-player registered almost immediately and in the late 1980s he embarked on his golden run at the annual Hong Kong Sevens - a tournament he bestrides like some miniature

"I haven't missed a Hong Kong tournament since '89 - I suppose it is my stage and I love the excitement of the tournament," he says. "But my great ambition is to represent Fiji in the 1999 World Cup and I don't really care where they pick me.

believe it happened, but it did. Wing, full-back, stand-off, any-We're getting there."
Serevi has headed Leicester's where will do. As a country, we need to reclaim our tradition in

wanted" list for more than a year. At the end of the 1995-96 season, he turned out against the Tigers in a World XV showpiece match at Twickenham and was approached by Peter Wheeler, the chief executive at Welford Road. "I'd been living in Kyoto and playing for Mit-subishi, but I knew of Leicester and their reputation. The offer was good, so here I am." He will soon be joined by his

wife Kara, a welfare official attached to a United Nations military hospital in Sinai, and their two daughters, Una and Asinate, aged three and two respectively. If Leicester win their prolonged battle to equip another Fijian, the spectacularly effective World Cup sevens Photograph: Peter Jay

work permit, Serevi will feel even more at home in his new surroundings

This is a big challenge for me," he admits, conscious of the culture gap that not only divides sevens from fifteens but, far more profoundly, Far East from East Midlands. "But it is one I feel I can meet. It will not be easy; in sevens, the pitch is huge and there is space to run but in fifteens, the forwards do the work and control the game. I am not a forward, but I like the ball. From what I see at Leicester, there are people here who can give it to me.

Dwyer, for one, will insist on "What can Waisale do for us? Well, let's put it simply. He can score a lot of tries. What else matters?" What indeed? Come rain or shine, Leicester's most exotic recruit is ready to float like wing Marika Vunibaka, with a a butterfly and sting like a bee.

England delay naming coach

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Betts atters

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England's Test players will have to wait until next week to find out who their World Cup manager and coach will be.

The planned meeting today between the National Playing

Committee and the new Rugby Football Union Manage ment Board will go ahead, but no anouncement will be made. Untangling contractual oblig-ations for the candidates and establishing conditions for the international manager and coaches has clearly proved impossible in just over a week since

Ian McGeechan rejected the job and Rowell then resigned. The RFU hope their negotiations produce a management team by next week. The deadline is 12 September, with an England squad session due on 17 September. A group of se-

lectors must be in place by Kevin Bowring, the coach of Wales, yesterday described England as "arrogant" and blamed them for his side's early start to the international season this weekend. Wales take on Romania at The Racecourse in Wrexham tomorow, which Bowring claims is far too early

in the season for his players. "We should have had all the international matches on the same dates, but England would not do it," he said. "Instead, they quite arrogantly just went ahead and booked a whole block of international fixtures without consulting the other home nations."

The New Zealand rflanker Michael Jones has ruled out a return to action this year, including the tour of Britain. Jones ruptured the patella tendon in his left knee in the 14 June Test against Fiji at Albany.

Noel Henderson, a former cpatian of Ireland and Lion, has died, aged 69, after a shore illness. Henderson made his debut for Ireland against Scotland in the Triple Crown winning

Magpies ready for the élite

He was the returning hero, the man whose goal late Wednesday night could be worth £10m to Newcastle, but the formalities still had to be observed.

eluded Croatia Zagreb's defence to score the aggregate winner that put Newcastle United into today's Champions' League draw, but immigration officials were harder to evade when the team returned in the early hours of Thursday morning. The Georgian cut an incongruous picture as he stood alone crouched over an entry form, passport in one hand, pen in the other, his team long gone.

The scene could not have been more different from that in the Maksimir Stadium six hours earlier when Ketsbaia was mobbed by his team-mates after earning Newcastle a 2-2 draw and 4-3 aggregate victory in their European Cup preliminary round tie.

Ketsbaia, signed on a free transfer from AEK Athens in the summer, said as he waited for his baggage: "I can hardly remember the goal but it was a great moment for me and the club. I was expecting the game to go to penalties and it would have been very difficult for us as they had a psychological ad-

Non-League notebook

When Torrington travel from

north Devon to the New Forest

tomorrow to take on Bashley in

the preliminary round of the FA

Cup, they may be relieved that

they are unlikely to find the

home team's player-manager

in the opposing line-up.
In charge of the Dr Martens

League side is a man who has

won four League Championship

and three European Cup win-

ners' medals plus a host of oth-

er honours. At 43 he is still fit,

and the passing of the years has

not dimmed the fearsome

CATEGORY

Match 6 (Jackpot)

Match 5 plus bonus ball

Match 3

TOTALS

RUPERT METCALF



Glenn Moore on the Champions' League challenges that lie ahead for Kenny Dalglish and Newcastle

Croatia had forced extra time with an injury-time aggregate equaliser and Ketsbaia added: I cannot say how we will do in the Champions' League until the draw - but there will be teams in it who are not as good

the extension of the Champions' League to non-champions with six groups, makes it very difficult for Newcastle to look beyond Christmas and the end of the group stage. Newcastle could find themselves paired with Juventus, Barcelona and IFK Gothenburg and even a best case scenario would group them with PSV Eindhoven or Monaco. As only the group winners and second best-placed runners-up qualify, the size of

Newcastle's task is obvious. bonus of the Champions' League is a guaranteed six matches. While the shareholders will like the gloss that gives to the bottom line, to Kenny Dalglish it means he and his team now have time to expand their European education.

be taken by storm but one which has to be conquered by experience. as Croatia Zagreb." Uefa's seeding system, and

Whatever the draw, the great

shooting and tackling powers with which he made his name.

Jimmy Case was a hero at Liv-

erpool but now he is a long way

from Merseyside, trying to steer

Bashley to promotion to the Dr

Martens Premier Division -

and to at least the first round

proper of the FA Cup, the one English tournament for which he

does not hold a winners' medal.

game has not been dimmed by

his experiences at Brighton,

where his spell as manager

ended last year amid all the off-

the-field strife that plagued the

Sussex club's season. He was ap-

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pointed full-time player-man-

ager of Bashley this summer.

Case's enthusiasm for the

Case happy to be main man at Bashley

ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 27/8/97. The winning numbers: 1, 7, 22, 25, 31, 47. Bonus number: 20. Total Sales: £27,597,040. Prize Fund: £13,567,868 (45% of ticket sales plus £1,149,200 Superdraw funding).

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As Manchester United have come to realise, European football has its own disciplines and demands. It is not an arena to

> Newcastle had an early lesson in that three seasons ago when, having thrashed Antwerp 10-2 on aggregate, they raced to a 3-0 lead over Athletic Bilbao in the next round of their Uefa Cup campaign. It seemed too easy - and it was. The Basques pulled two goals back at St James' Park as Newcastle went recklessly forward and com-

pleted their comeback in Spain.

Newcastle's team has undergone considerable reconstruction since then, but watching them on Wednesday there were times when it seemed that, however hard Kenny Dalglish works on his team, the spirit of Kevin Keegan's side refuses to go away. They continually had chances to score but failed to take them, while similar laxity in defence allowed Zagreb to come within seconds of taking the tie to penalties.

So far, everything is pro-ceeding to plan. Bashley lead the Dr Martens Southern Division

with maximum points from four

games. Case is registered as play-

er but said this week: "I haven't

even been a sub yet. I'll put my boots on some time, though. I'm

here to put pressure on the play-

ers. If they don't perform. I'll

pick myself."

Case is no stranger to the non-

League game - he had a spell

with Sittingbourne before re-turning to League football with

Brighton, and he played in the Northern Premier League with South Liverpool before launch-ing his Anfield career – so he is

aware of its special demands.

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"We'll learn from that and from the first leg," said Shay Given, the 21-year-old goalkeeper who was making his European debut in the tie. "It's have gone from Pontins League to Champions' League, and it was an unbelievable night.

"We were devastated at the equaliser but Kenny Dalglish got us going again," the Irishman added. "He told us to lift our chins and get into them. He has been there and done it and that's a great help"

The Newcastle manager did win three European Cups as a player with Liverpool - but this was the first time he had successfully completed a European tie and he is also learning. Newcastle have the experience of John Barnes and Ian Rush -another former European Cup winner – available for the Champions' League. Barnes' ability to retain possession and control the pace of a game may be particularly useful as New-

castle step up in class. One team Newcastle will not face in the group stage is Man-chester United, as Uefa is keeping teams from the same country apart. Both clubs will have to kick off their group games at 7.45pm, and ITV will regionalise its coverage.

You have to get involved in

everything at a club like this.

sponsorship, the lot. Every-

he added. "There was so much

off-the-field stuff at Brighton

that football was secondary.

peal of the FA Cup, even in Au-

its Wembley showpiece. Bash-ley battled through to the sec-

ond round proper in 1994, when they lost 1-0 at home to

Swansea. "Getting to the second round was great," he said, "and

we want to do it again." With

Case in charge, they could be a

good bet to do just that.

TOTAL EACH TIER

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Case is also aware of the ap-

ust, many months away from

Here football is everything."

body pulls their weight here,

Ferdinand poised for **England**

Rio Ferdinand is expected to be included in Glenn Hoddle's first England squad of the season when he announces today his party to play Moldova on 10

The 18-year-old West Ham defender is seen as the leading candidate for the sweeper role which is a fundamental part of Hoddle's long-term planning.
The England coach had

planned to use Jamie Redknapp in the position during LTournoi de France, but the Liverpool midfielder missed the summer tournament through iniury and is yet to recover. Ferdinand has previously

trained with the full squad under both Terry Venables and Hoddle and has not looked out of place. His chances of a debut are improved as the Moldova match is likely to be irrelevant in the final World Cup stand-

ings (assuming England win) and because Hoddle is without four established central defenders in Tony Adams, Stuart Pearce, Sol Campbell and Martin Keown. Those injuries could also bring a call-up to Steve Watson,

who again impressed in defence during Newcastle's European Cup win in Zagreb on Wednesday. Watson, who has represented England at most junior levels, can also play at rightback. He faces competition from John Scales and Rob Hoddle is expected to recall

Liverpool's Steve McManaman, who controversially missed Le Tournoi with injury. as well as Les Ferdinand, Robbie Fowler may not yet be ready. Other players under consideration after impressive starts to the season are the Blackburn pair of Chris Sutton and Jason Wilcox. Attilio Lombardo and Ste-

fano Eranio, summer signings for Crystal Palace and Derby County respectively, have been named in the Italian squad for next month's World Cup qualifier in Georgia. The full squad will be announced next week, but the Italian Football Federation notified expatriate players in the party yesterday. The othets are Roberto di Matteo and Gianfranco Zola (Chelsea), Fabrizio Ravanelli (Middlesbrough), Christian Panucci (Real Madrid) and Christian Vieri (Atletico Madrid).

League to take on Uefa

MATTHEW SLATER

The Football League is to lodge an official complaint against Ueta, European football's gov-Commission in Brussels over the decision to deny a place in the Uefa Cup to the winners of theCoca-Cola Cup.

Demonstrating that nothing irritates a Briton quite like European interference, the Football League chairman. David Sheepshanks, said yesterday: "Uefa's actions amount to an abuse of a dominant po-

The decision to end the Coca-Cola Cup's status as a qualifying route was taken in 1994, following a French application for a Uefa place as a reward for their new league cup competition. Uefa stated that est domestic division contained

League's major knock-out com-

this was possible only if the high- added that the Premier League

no more than 18 clubs. 'To prejudice the Football

petition because of the size of the Premier League is patentcannot be right that we are held responsible and penalised for something over which we exercise no control." There are fears that the un-

derlying motive for Uefa's ruling is its own agenda for increased European competition. Sheepshanks, who is the chairman of Inswich Town, alluded to this when he said: "They continue to expand their own sphere of operations whilst expecting domestic competitions to contract."

Mike Lee. a Premier League spokesman, said: "We believe that decisions on the size of domestic leagues should be taken at a national level." He

had already reduced its numbers from 22 to 20, and that there were no plans for any further reduction.

However, it is significant that the Premier League has orsentatives from Europe's major leagues in London on 10 September. The Football League's recourse to European justice may well be a single chapter in a larger story - the threat Uefa's club competitions pose to the respective domestic

Where this leaves this year's Coca-Cola Cup is anybody's guess. Martin O'Neill, the manager of the holders Leicester City, perhaps the last such recipients of a Uefa Cup place, was open in his support for the League's challenge to Uefa. saying: "The competition would be devalued if the place was

Paganin set to replace Pearce

Newcastle United are to make a £3.8m bid for the Internazionale defender, Massimo Paganin. The Magpies' manager, Kenny Dalglish, has tabled an offer for the centre-half who is also a target for Liverpool.

Newcastle's move for Paganin is timely as Stuart Pearce faces a spell on the sidelines with an injury he picked up against Croatia Zagreb. The Football League yesterday rejected Brighton and Hove

Albion's plans to share Millwall's New Den for the rest of the season. While the League had given the green light for the club to play their "home" games at Gillingham this term and for another two seasons, the plans While Millwall were happy to

see their ground used every week, there were objections to the proposal - the most presswhich swayed the decision of the League's Board of Directors. Tomas Brolin's unhappy stay

if he can agree personal terms with the Spanish club. Real Zaragoza. The Leeds manager, George Graham, confirmed yesterday that the two clubs had agreed an undisclosed fee for the Swedish striker.

Bolton are the latest club to pursue Petter Rudi, the Norwegian international midfielder who is also being chased by Newcastle United Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton - but

to move instead to south London were turned down.

not Wimbledon, despite their links with Rudi's club, Molde.

career-threatening. The illness first came to light on Tuesday, when Jackson missed Celtic's Uefa Cup victory against Tirol Innsbruck. "Very extensive tests followed, and there was a problem which af-

Coca-Cola Cup draw, Northern Ireland World Cup squad, Digest, page 23

Rangers urged to look locally

Peter Keeling has been employed as a football coach in scandinavia for the past 16 years and knows what makes the Swedes tick. He believes that the Rangers manager, Walter Smith, should rely more on local youth than expensive foreign imports.

Keeling was not in the least surprised that part-time IFK Gothenhurg claimed a place in the Champions' League on Wednesday with a 41 aggregate win over Scotland's finest.

The Manchester-based Keeling, the head coach of the Swedish Third Division leaders Linköpping, said yesterday: "I think Swedish players are quite capable of changing the course of a match by themselves. That's

the difference. Because players here are only part-time, they are well aware of what goes on in the world outside football. They are used to making decisions for themselves in their everyday life and they take that into their football

"Players in Britain are cossetted. At some clubs they don't even have to bother looking after their own passports. When rience of the outside world."

Keeling, a former international athlete, added: "Gothenburg have a framework in place. like many Swedish clubs, that has served them well over the

years. They bring boys in at eight and the accent is on technique and teamwork with different coaches at different age levels But the youngsters are encouraged to use their skills. Of course results are important, but the Swedes tend to be quite patient in this respect. They don't demand instant success.

Even though Linköpping are a small club, we have a simthey finish at 32 and 33 they have are a small club, we have a small club, a small club, we have a small club, we have a small club, a small c may have plenty of experience of night clubs but no real experience of the outside real exper ing progress. Kangers tend to buy players for their image, not what they can actually do. It is a policy that has proved their undoing in Europe and pethaps it is time they changed it."

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The Scotland and Celtic striker, Darren Jackson, has been ruled out of action for at least three months because of coming from the police. a neurological problem. Celtic's general manager, Jock Brown, stressed last night that Jackson is not suffering at Leeds United is about to end from a brain tumour, but he did admit that the illness could be

> fects Darren's brain," Brown explained yesterday.

Boyce

looks to

Royce for

England

England's Under-21 team entertain Germany, Ireland and

Belgium in a four nations tour-

nament, starting this after-

noon at Milton Keynes, as

they put together their final

preparations for next month's Junior World Cup which will

be held at the National

The team's coach, Jon Royce

was delighted with the perfor-mance of his squad against the

Australian Seniors on Tuesday

evening, when they more than held their own for much of the

game before finally going down

3-1 to a side that included 11 of

their Olympic bronze medal-

Royce was also pleased with the news that Alistair Boyce,

who has been a long term ab-

sentee following injury, is fit to

return and is expected to be

playing over the weekend. The

fitness of Boyce, who is expected

to team up with Mark Pearn as

twin strikers, could be the key

to England's medal prospects

Germany have been supreme in Junior World Cup Tourna-

ments. After taking second place to Pakistan in the first in Paris in 1979 they have won the

gold medal on each subsequent

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DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Southampton Hampshire 210-5 v Kent

There were more stoppages for rain than than there were wickets at the United Services ground yesterday, but Kent still managed to edge to joint top of the Championship table. Even so, salvaging something useful out of the rain-troubled match is likely to prove tricky, particularly with their strike bowler Dean Headley having been warned twice for running on to the pitch. Next time he transgresses he will be out of the attack for the remainder of the first innings and, since he took all three wickets to fall yesterday, that could be a severe

dent to the Kent quest. A maximum 24 points looked ever more unlikely with each downpour. The groundstaff - or more correctly the drowned staff - worked minor miracles each time, mopping up gamely with Navy-issue blankets, but a quick draining ground such as this one can only take so much and yesterday that was what it

The last shower was short, but heavy enough to end play pre-maturely with more than an hour and 20 minutes remaining and a day which started with a bang - 17 of them as the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious was greeted with a multiple-gun salute, a fly-past by Royal Navy

Harrier jets and the band of the Royal Marines as she arrived in port - ended in a whimper.

At least John Stephenson had something to celebrate. His welcome return to form continued as he passed fifty for the second time in successive innings on this ground this season.

Following his century against Yorkshire 10 days ago the Hampshire captain cut and drove his way to an unbeaten 54. Four of his nine boundaries came in two Paul Strang overs when the Zimbabwean leg-spinner was given some harsh treatment between rain halts in the morning.

By then Headley had removed Giles White and Matthew Keech in the space of seven deliveries. White was within sight of a half-century when a good length ball left him and he was comfortably taken by the wickeketkeeper, Steve Marsh.

Keech had not had time to make a mark but his dismissal provided the most memorable moment of the day. Again he got a beauty from Headley, the ball flew low and fast well to Trevor Ward's left at second slip, but the fielder dived and stuck out a hand and took a brilliant catch.

When Robin Smith lunged at the fifth ball after lunch and fell lbw to Headley, Kent secured their second bowling bonus point, which brought them level with Glamorgan and gave them their high spot of an otherwise low-key day.



Essex fold as Donald hits landmark

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Chelmsford Essex 178 Warwickshire 136-5

The batsmen on both sides found strange ways of getting them-selves out at the County Ground, but it was much more a question of end-of-season weariness than anything untoward in the pitch and only Stuart Law passed 50.

were lost to rain, which claimed another 34.5 on the second, but even so considerable progress has been made. The main architect of Essex's dismissal of 178 was Allan Donald, who took 5 for 50 to lift his tally of wickets for War-

wickshire in nine seasons to 501. Bowling with an excellent rhythm he was always hostile, attacking the batsmen on and around the off stump and most-

On the first day, 69 overs ability to use his fastest ball as and attempt by Nick Knight at to the West Indies. He was low, an occasional weapon makes him particularly dangerous. For a time it look as if he

might meet his match in Law, although he went right through him with the last hall of his first over of the day. Law then produced one or two of those crisply decisive off drives, reaching his 50 from 67 halls. However, he drove at Ashley Giles when not around the off stump and most-ly keeping to a full length. His was caught high up at the sec-

mid-off. The innings then fell apart and the last seven wickets went down for only 61 runs.

Warwickshire made a bad start themselves but were held together by Knight, who has been out of action for some time with a broken finger. After making a hundred against Worcestershire in his first match back, he got down to it again spurred on by the hope of convincing the

half-forward to Peter Such, two runs short of his fifty.

here lingers on. Prompted by the ECB, Essex issued a statement saying they had fined Stu-art Law £300 for swearing after being hit by a beamer from Darren Thomas. Ronnie Irani was severely warned for a similar offence when leaving the field afselectors that he is worth taking ter he had been dismissed.

That tempestuous Nat-West semi-final against Glamorgan

occasion, producing a string of outstanding players and the current squad is unlikely to be any exception. Two of the present squad will be following in the footsteps of their brothers who made prominent contributions in Terrassa in 1993. Christoph Eimer is taking on where Martin left off and Christian Domke is following brother Oliver. Both elder brothers are now well established in the senior national

> Tomorrow's game against the Germans will provide a useful indication of how England's plans have gone.

Ireland, who England play today, have not qualified for the world event but will be equally keen to do well. Their national sides have gone Plews, the senior umpire, through a lean time recently said: "We called Jason back beand the juniors will be looking to re-establish their country's position in the world arena. Belgium, who are in a different pool to England in the World Cup, provide the oppo-

> SINGLAND UNDER-2: SQUAD: J Ebeworth, D Haydon (Teddington), N Taylor (Hounslow), B Garrard (Capt; Urattached), J Evensett, S Humphies, D Mathews, P Wicken (Canteriury), R Stantp (Beeston), A Boyae (Loses), M Pearn, Manpret Macher (Reading, R Invise, T Mathhews (Oxford Unsy), M Johnson (Carnoch), A Shoons (Southgite), Venance Statuspies, Carnoch), A Shoons (Southgite), A Shoons (Southg TODAYS FIXURES: Four extions tourse-ment, Aliton Keytes Aktional Stadium; Germany U-21 v Beiglum U-21 (dck-off 1.0); England U-21 (2.0).

Betts enters record books

ROUND-UP

Melvyn Betts claimed the Championship's first nine-wicket haul of the season, while also returning Durham's best-ever bowling figures as a first-class county, with his 9 for 64 against Northamptonshire yesterday.

The £2-year-old quick howler bowled unchanged for 22 overs at Northampton and persevered through the pain of a turned ankle he suffered early in the spell. Betts spent more than an

hour after his successes with the ankle receiving treatment but he insisted that he would be fit enough to bowl in the second

His fine day was only slightly tarnished by a last-wicket stand of 47 which took the home county to 144.

Durham's reply was one of consolidation and when bad light stopped play with 21 overs remaining they had reduced the deficit to 26 for the loss of Jonathan Lewis and Martin Speight.
Gloucestershire's Mike

Smith grabbed his fifth fivewicket haul of the season as Nottinghamshire were bowled out for 294 at Bristol but the home side struggled and were 84 for 4 when rain ended the second day early. Sussex's dreadful run with the

bat continued when they decided to bat at Hove against Surrey. They stumbled to 102 for 7 when rain before tea brought about an early finish. Sussex, battling to avoid the in all cricket.

wooden spoon in both the championship and Sunday League, lost Toby Peirce to the second ball of the innings and Neil Taylor and Rajesh Rao were also back in the pavilion with only five on the board. Peter Moores provided most

beaten 28 as Martin Bicknell claimed 3 for Lewis 3 for 31. Graeme Hick registered his first duck of the summer as Middlesex restricted Worcestershire to 90 for 4 at Kidder-

resistance for Sussex with an un-

dismissed for 252. Hick, after facing 19 balls, turned a bat-pad chance to short leg off Angus Fraser. It was his first run-less innings of the summer from 44 attempts

James and selectors confirm Sod's Law

MARK BALDWIN reports from Leicester Glamorgan 180 for 7 v Leics

Two England selectors were at Steve James end. After making 113, 103, 130, 69 and 162 in his last five Championship innings the 29-year-old opener made minster after they had been just 14 before he edged a drive at David Millos to wicketkeeper

Paul Nixon in the 11th over. Glamorgan, unsurprisingly, were keener to start a match delayed by more than four sessions by the weather, but were kept vaiting until 2pm as the umpires

Dickie Bird and Barry Dudleston waited for the ground to dry out following yesterday's wash-out and more heavy overnight rain. The Glamorgan captain, Mat-

thew Maynard, made a duck and Leicester yesterday and the law his side were only in sight of a of Sod meant that Graham first batting point because of Gooch and David Graveney saw Adrian Dale's 69 and some inthe prolific run of Glamorgan's spired hitting from Waqar Younis. Dale combined gritty defence with some forthright strokes with all but 17 of his runs coming from boundaries.

Wagar swung James Ormond high over mid-on and wide of long leg for boundaries before, in the same over, launching him over extra cover for six.

Bad light and rain brought a halt, for a second and final time, at 5.50pm.

Gallian to be reported after temper tantrum

MYLES HODGSON

reports from Old Trafford Yorkshire 419-9 dec Lancashire 135-3

Jason Gallian's Lancashire career was put in further jeopardy esterday after reacting angrily to his dismissal on the second day of the Roses match here.

Gallian, widely reported to be considering a move to Middlesex unless he assumes "greater authority" next season, knocked two stumps out in frustration after being bowled by the York-shire seamer, Paul Hutchison.

He was called back by the umpires, Nigel Plews and Alan Whitehead, after flicking the stumps with the back of his bat.

Rose supporters as Yorkshire took a stranglehold on the match.

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He appeared to apologise for his flash of temper. Gallian refused to comment. but he will be mentioned in the

umpires' report to Lord's and could also be censured by his county for his show of dissent. cause he broke the stumps with

his bat and he apologised. We have no option but to mention the incident in our report." Lancashire are also to investigate. Their spokesman. John Brewer, said: "We will speak to the umpires and after

doing that, we will decide what if anything, to do.' His controversial departure capped a miserable day for Red

Cycling

sition on Sunday.

SPORTING DIGEST MENTS ALL ENGLAND CHAMPTONISHERS (Mornthing) Singles, first resents it Gess (Metton by Mar (Loughbrough) 22-20.2 ft Before firenges Card for it of the Smith Hoyel Forest of Deam 21-14; W. Jackson (Jacob) S. Gless it D. Rebards firenges Card of the Smith Hoyel Forest of Deam 21-14; W. Jackson (Jacob) S. Gless it D. Rebards firenges Card of the Smith Hoyel Forest of Deam 21-14; W. Jackson (Jacob) S. Gless it D. Rebards firender (Jackson) J. Gless firender (Jackson) J. Gless firender (Jackson) J. Gless firender (Jackson) J. Gless firender for J. Gless firender for J. Gless firender fi

Britannic Assurance County Championship Second day of four, 11.0 today Derbysbire v Somereat DETERY: Semerant (4pts), with all first-insings wickets standing, are 229 runs be-bind Derbyehire (3). Somerset won toes DERBYSKRE - First Industr

Overnight: 73 for 2) S Rollins not out

Essox v Warwickshire CHELMSFORD: Warwickship (4pts), with five fast-arrings wickets standing, are 42 runs ESSEX - First Indings Ownight: 107 for 3)

Booking: Dorsin 23.1-9-50-5; Brown 19:3-50-1; Welch 10-5-15-2; Giles: 14-6-43-2

MARKACKSHIRE - First landings M Y Kings the b Such Moles c Hussen b Rott Henry & Couran Oster c Rottine & Such

> TODAY'S NUMBER

\$2m The sum of money [£1,25m] the National Football League is to spend over the next year on its grass-roots campaign in Europe. The money will be spent on introducing new Navers to American football and developing the amateur

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Fail: 1-2, 2-31, 3-56, 4-93, 5-132. To but: D R Brown, G Welch, A F Glies, A A Donald. Bowling: Cover 11, 0-58-2; but 9-3-25-1; Such 13,1-2-42-2; Graycon 2-1-1-0. Umpiects: 1 D Bond and J F Steele. Gloucs v Nottinghamshire

ERISTOL: Gloucestershire (4µts), with six first-innings velclets standing, are 210 runs be-hard Nottinghamshire (3). Gioucestershire won toss NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - First Innings (Overnight: 255 for 8) K P Evans Bio b Smith . GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First turnings N J Tramor (bw b Bowen M G N Windows b Bowen T H C Hancock c Noon b Evens R J Dawson c Noon b Orem

Lewis, D V Lawrence.
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Hampshire v Keut Kent won loss

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HAMPS-HRE — First Innings
(Overnight: 111 for 2)
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A N Aymes rot out — 11
Getras (05.3, nb4) — 52
Fall: 1-48, 2-81, 3-121, 4-127, 5-190.
To back S D Udal, L Sawdern, S J Renshaw, S
M Milburn.
Bevilling Headley 20-6-44-3. Philips 17-6-43-0,
Eshiem 18-6-41-2: Flerring 15-3-35-0: Strong
15-4-44-0.
REMED D P Fulton, E I Smith, T R Ward, A P Wels. 15: 4-44-0.
NENTE D P Futon, E I Smith, T R Ward, A P Weis, G R Cowdrey, M A Eathern, M V Flemme, *15 A Messh, P A Strang, D W Headley, B J Philips. Umpires: A Clarkson and D J Constant.

Lancashire v Yorkshire OLD TRAFFORD: Luncaphire (4pts), with several first-innings wickets standing, are 284 runs behind Yorkshire (5). TORRESHING - POST MARCH
(Overnight 247 for 3)
D S Leftmark to Hegg b March
C E W Silvenwood o Martin b Wat
C White o Lloyd b Green
B Parker o Hegg b Austin
H J Blakey o Hegg b Austin
G M Hamilton o Yeass b Green
G D Silvenwood or Silven

Extras (05, lb5, nb15) 419
Total (for 9 dec, 114.2 overs) 419
Fell (cont): 4-252, 5-354, 5-365, 7-402, 8-406, 9-410.
Bowledge Martin 25-6-69-1; Austin 23-4-77-2; Green 25-27-765-3; Yosas 21-1-59-1; Waltonson 12-0-60-1; Galten 7-0-48-1. LANCASHIRE - Float Innings JER Gation b Hutchison N H Farmither not old 350 D Lipid not old 350 Entree (03) 331 Total (for 3, 94.1 overs) 550 Entree (03) 341 overs) 550 Entree (03) 341 overs) 550 Entree (03) 341 overs) 125 Fall 1, 124 2, 124

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Northamptonshire v Durbam iORTHAMPTON: Durham (4pts), with eight inst-lurings wickets standing, are 26 nms be-ind Northemptonshire (0). Derught: 4 for 0) R Montecom

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J F Brown not out
Extras Out. 515, 4/2, r0441. Total (44 overs) Fait: 1-11, 2-19, 3-36, 4-40, 5-58, 6-92, 7 8-97, 9-97. Bowling: Brown 13-5-43-1; Berts 22-7-64-9; Foster B-1-18-0; Boding 1-0-3-0.

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M P Speight at Ropey b Brown TM P Speciff is a rupery of the Section 1.2 Section 1.

impires: J.H. Hampshire and R.A. White. Worcestershire v Middlesex

16-4-79-1
WORCESTERSHIRE - First lonlings
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W F C Weston the b Hewatt
G A Hack o Shah b Fraser
A R Spiring o Pooley b Fraser
D A Learnerdale not out.
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(NG 4, 41 cuess) 1.8. 2-13, 3-56, 4-70. Fait: 1-8, 2-13, 3-56, 4-70.
To bet: M M Mirze, 15 J Rhodes, S R Lamper.
R K lithighorth, A Shenner.
Bowling: Fracer 13-4-26-2; Howet 9-3-28-1; Tolition 8-4-10-0; Turnell 3-2-26-1; Johnson 8-4-10-0; Turnell 3-2-26.
Umpires: J H Hems and K E Psimer. Leicestersbire v Giamorgan LECESTER Glamorgian (Ppts) have scored 180 for 7 to their first leadings against Leicester-shire (5).

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Bowling Miles 10-2-29-2: Ornand 15-4-64-2:
Petron 5-0-23-0; Williamson 8-3-17-2; Wells
8-1-40-1.
LECESTERSHERE: V J Wells, D L Mackly, J J Surckff, * J J Whitaker, B F Smith, N C Johnson, *P
A Moon, D J Miles, A R K Person, D Williamson, *I
Common! ass H D Bled and B Dudieston

Sussex v Surrey Sisses won loss SUSSEX - First lunings

Carpenter b Salisbury †P Moores not out A D Edwards c Ranciffe b Lewis

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Extras (52, 52, w2, n512)
Total (for 7, 41 evens)
Falt 1-0, 2-5, 3-5, 4-13, 5-23, 6-47.
To bet M A Roberson, R J Kirdey, Third Under-19 Test First day of four; 11,0 today

England v Zimbabwe CANTERBUSY: Zimbabwe have soored 118 for 8 in their first innings against England. babwe won foss ZINERABWE UNDER-19 - First ton N A Ferreira c Read b Franks D A Manifer c Read b Franks

A Vermuelen retd hur: P Holfmen c Schofield b Laremen ... L Maile c Peters b Napier D Mutendera not out 0 Communication 0 Mutendera not out 0 Communication 0 Comm g Sidebottom 15-3-28-3; Franks 16-6-Jaraman 10-4-18-1; Napler 5-0-10-1;

Schinger L4-19-50 Peters, R.W.T. Key, G.R. Napier, G.P. Swann, "Z.C. Morris, J.C. Pow-ell, A.W. Leferman, T.C.R.M. Read, P.J. Franks, C. Schoffeld, R.J. Sudebottom, Umpires: G. Sharp and P. Willey. **MCC Trophy Final** One-day match Norfolk v Shronshke LORD'S; Nortalk was by 52 runs. Shrooshire won toss

KORFOLK 279 for 4 IC J Rogers 119no, C Amos senturishREE
(Oversight 45 for 1)
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N R Payne b Gokismith
A B Syram b Newman

A M Shirtmons of Newman 27 Extras (1014, w23) 237 February (124, 30 exes) 227 February (270, 3-102, 3-116, 5-134, 6-148, 7-176, 8-210, 9-217, 80 exiting: Goldsmith 10.1-42-5: Newman 10.3-1-33-3: M W Thomas 13-1-47-0: Bradshaw 11-1-33-2: D R Thomas 4-0-19-0: Rogers 8-0-41-0. Unspires: M K Reed and C S Kelly. SECOND 10 CHAMPHONSHIP (Baid day of four; 11.0 today): Trobbridge Wellis Kem 278 (C D Majes) 65, N I Using 61, M J Waller 61: R S C Marry-Jenkins 4-61, N C Philips 4-52; Susset 55 for 3. Individual Wellis Kem 278 (C D Majes) 65, N I Using 61, M J Waller 61: R S C Marry-Jenkins 4-61, N C Philips 4-52; Susset 55 for 3. Individual Film 18 (1016) 86, C D for 0. (Second day of three: 11.0 today): No play: Parter: Glamogan, v Waxasstershire. Southampton: Esset 50 for 1 v Horosstershire.

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Badminton RUSSIAN OPEN GRAND PRIX (Moscowie M P-E Hoyer Larsen (Den) 15-0; M Constable (Eng) 7-14; P (Narov (Rus) ot 7-15-4; A Boesen (Den) singles, second round bt A Zholobov (Rus) 15-7 bt V Itskor (Rus) 15-7 1 kim Kuseg Suk (Kor) 15-bt V On ottoberten (Her)

on Seet to A Russian (Res 15-6 15-7; M Popul (But br M Salonov (Rus) 15-6 15-7; M Popul (But br M Salonov (Rus) 15-5 17-14-7 Soggard (Den) br A Vooldacsky (Rus) 15-7 15-8; S Pudnov (Rus) br V hornanen (Fin 15-4 15-1; C Haugston (Brg) br Whomenen (Fin 15-4 15-1; C Haugston (Den) br S Karamyshev (Rus) 15-3 15-2; I Monast (Fin) br Jones (Base) 17-16 15-9; K Jonesson (Den) br S Karamyshev (Rus) 15-3 15-2; I Monast (Fin) br Jones (Base) br V Tehromanov (Rus) 15-0 15-11; Jischwectole (Pol) br A Ruserinov (Rus) 15-11; Jischwectole (Pol) br A (Rus) 11-11; S Aang M Host (Kor bt N Gondoriche-tos (Rus) 6-11; 2-10; 12-9; K Narasonalov (Pol) br V Orepumpie (Rus) 11-1; 11-1; T Woodword (Eng) br T Rasmutsen (Den) 11-1; 12-9; 12-9; II-8; M Soomsen (Den) or V Nochelesse (Rus) 11-4; 11bt T Resmussen (Den) 11-12 12-9 11-8: M Sorensen (Den) at V Roshelme (Rus) 11-4 11-4; Y Soldmann (Rus) 11-4 11-4; Y Soldmann (Rus) 11-4 11-4; Y Soldmann (Rus) 11-6 11-6; Y Soldmann (Rus) 11-1-7; Y-11-14; Yen (Rus) at A Russlath (Rus) 11-2: 11-14; Yen (Rus) at A Russlath (Rus) 11-2: 11-11-4; Yen (Rus) at A Russlath (Rus) 11-2: 11-11-1; X Sondergend (Rus) 11 (Rus) at Russlath (Rus) 11-12: 11-5; N Department (Rus) 11-1 (Rus) to I Rus) to I Rushlathou (Rus) 11-0: 11-1; Yelluchtene (Rus) to I Rushlathou (Rus) 11-0: 11-1; Park Yoon-loying (S Ker) at Y Noustene (Rus) 11-0: 11-1; Park Yoon-loying (S Ker) at Y Noustene (Rus) 11-1: 11-6.

Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milweuken 1 Teros 7; Sea-tie 5 Boston R; Baltmare 7 Ransas Cay 3; Tocon-to 13 Chicago White Sox 2; Minnesota 2 Detroit C; Anaheum 4 Cleweland 10; Dakland 8; NY Yan-O; Anahei hees 7. NEES 7.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphis 7 San Diego 6
(12 Innings; Prosburgh 5 Los Angeles 9; NY Mees
15 San Francisco 6; Cheago Cubs 3 Flonds 4;
Colonade 7 Comerate 15; Kitavita 4 Houston 6 (13
Innings); St Louis 4 Montreal 3.

Basketball Michael Jordan, the Chicago Bulls guard, has re-signed with the team for

Statismost 21-17; Coles IX Farrow 21-10.
ATRANTIC RISK WORED-S WORED CHAMBYON-SHIPS (Llandfredod Wedel): Singles, first mends Wisine IB Mongeo) by Argentina IM Carbosco 25-11: Carnota (On-Koer Au) IX (ISA IM De Liste) 25-18: Englans (IM Prote) by Spain IX Toleranu 25-12: Guernasy IA Simon IX South Africa (I Peacota) 25-17; Instand IM Johnston) by Scotten II Lindoney, 25-18: Issued (IP Joigen) by Netherland ID Van Deumi 25-8; Namhas (I Subsen) by Sengal IV Homes VS-19. Foorst Weles (IX Peacot, S Marsbridge, N Ship-FOOTBALL RESULTS

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MANOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Washington DC Urd 3 Nave England Revolution 2.

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act Alguest win 2-0 on penalties!; Nottingham Forest 2 Donosser 1 usgs 10-12; Stoke 1 Rochricke 1 1 usgs 4-20 weer Bromoch 2 camb led 1 usgs 3-20; Wokers 1 QPR 2 largs 3-2; Uniflored Lengths Presented Polystone Countries 1 usgs 4-2; Wokers 1 QPR 2 largs 3-2; Uniflored Lengths Presented Polystone Countries Construct of Meritor Stokers (1d. 2 Alfactions of Countries of Construct of Meritor St. Conground Polystone Countries of State 2 uniform and the Construct of Meritor 5; Congroun Affects 3 Wares 3; Tong 0 Brockwed 2 Winterborn Affects 3 Wares 4; Tong 0 Brockwed 2 Winterborn and Countries C

peries and R. Jonesi Ist Arganone 24-16; Canada draw with USA 17-17; England (K. Hawes, J. Baker, G. Fragerald and S. Pagel of Spean 26-15; South Arica for Europeay (B. Hunturd, J. Simon, A. Mermen and P. Harding 31-5; Scotland of Houston, J. Mermen and P. Harding 31-5; Scotland of Morris, J. D. Kane, P. Smith, and P. Notani 18-12; Israel to, Nepherlands 31-9; Jesty A. Birch, J. Jones, J. Lowey and S. Syvett for Nember 19-15. or Nameba 19-15. TRAM (Commonwealth Gauss, 10-20 September 19-86, Kestla Lumper, Malaystah: Singlest 7 Allcock (agod 42, Gloucs): Pales: J Ottowey 42, Morrish, Deriver 43, Devot, dapt; Fours: 8 Morley 37, Hotts), 6 Burgess (37, Wass.), J Bell 449, Cumbral, A Thomson 431, Kern, stop).

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WORLD TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (Perth, Aus):
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to second round): I France 45-150ec; 2 Austrails 46-31-3: 3 Germany 46-505; 4 Greece
46-511: 5 Span 46-509; 6 Bitman (C Hoy, C
Maclasn, C Peirskell 47-066; 7 Peterd 47-503;
8 Inth/47-682; 9 New 20eaterd 47-55; 10 Japan
48-085; 12 Natherlands 48-327; 12 Augumna
48-347; 13 Sentrethand 48-91.7 Second ryund:
Greece 46-273 bt Span 46-765; Cermany 46-025
bt British 47-326; Austrias 48-257 bt Poland
47-510; France 45-594 bt Mary 47-454, Flank
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4 Greece 55-590m; 6 Urbs: 1-198-6c; 2 M Frent
flasks: 1-1-58-178; 10-1712; 5 T Dubracott (Can)
12-793; 6 Ethalium Rhus 14-755; 7 K France
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ishma to Dubricott 2-0.

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EROPEAN SHOW MARPING CHAMPIONSHPS

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Football

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Cock-Colla CUP Second round draw: Blackpool v Coverny: Lears Uld v Bresol Cip: Blackburn Rodes v Presson NC: Levon Onent v Bohon
Wanderen: Sombreiend v Bury, Middlestrough v
Berner, Fullemn v Wolver, Warlson v Sheffech Unit.
Ipseich Tomn v Torquay Unit, Burniev v Shec Ciry.
Cressar-leich v Bernery, Colord Uld v Yor Che, Reading v Perenbarush Unit, Hall City v Crystal Palacet.
Scurifford Uld v Berner, Coulten Uld v Derby Courty; Bouthermoon v Brestlont; Courty, Notice
Courty; Bouthermoon v Brestlont; Carnisly Youth
v Sheffeld Wednostay; Hudderfeld Tomn v West
Ham Unit, Lution Tomn v West Bromach Albon.
(First leigh to be played during week commercing
15 September, second legs during week commencing 22 September.
Scottrish Us Soute. nencing 22 September). SCOTTMSH LEABUE CHALLENGE CUP Quarter-flout draw: Fallort v Strannaer: Queen of the South Boul draw: Fallork v Strantaer: Queer v Alidne: Hamilton v Brechtn; Morton (Res to be played 2 or 3 September MORTHERN INSLAND (World Cup qualifier v Al-benie, Zürich, 10 Septembert: Wright (Mon-theser Cey, Dentson (Sorusby), Griffie, Si Johnstone), Hig (Theleborg), Lessoon (Lebester),

Quinn (Blackpool), Hurtoek (Manchester City), Nobal (Sheffield Wednesday), Dowle (West Harri, Steeple (Newcaste), Mostibion (Wigari, Mag-fiton (Southempton), Marster (Joen's Park Rangersi, Taggart (Botton, McMahon (Stoke), Jenicks (Chester), Lorres (West Harri), Makyse (Manchester Utd).

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Ita Butter and Giadys Cadden, the captain and vice captain of the 1996 Great Britain and ireland team which won the Curtis Cup at Killamey, have again been named to lead the side which will defend the trophy at the Minikands Cub, Minneapolis, on 1-2 August next year. BANN HITERNATIONAL OPEN (Riumich) Leading first-round scores (\$8 or b) unless statedy, \$8 or 10 the control of th Ita Butler and Gladys Cadden, the cap-

Rugby Union The New Zealand Rugby Football Union has suspended Troy Flavell, the North Harbour flanker, for a year for deliberately gouging the ngirt eye of Steve Skinnon, the Wellington winger, during last Saturday's First Division match in

Wellington. Salling A slight improvement to 18th overall left John Memcks and lan Walker still hoofinal three races today. Nick Ros Stave Insh are 12th, as the top two places should decided between Lesk-man and Henilia of Finland, just two

points clear of Rocha and Barreto of Por-tugal. Helena Lucas and Maggle Beech are 12th in a women's division led by Taran and Paholchyk of Ukraine. Squash HOME GOAD OPEN Second round: love-her khan (Holb) to N Taylor (Eng. 15-8: 15-8: 15-8: 14-8: 15-8 MALAYSIAN WOMEN'S OPEN (funds Lampur)
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FA charge may bring long ban for Wright

Football

GUY HODGSON

Ian Wright is facing the prospect of a lengthy suspension from the game after he was charged yesterday by the Football Association with misconduct.

The England striker was charged along with his Arsenal team-mate Patrick Vieira, the club's assistant manager Pat Rice and the Leicester City player Steve Walsh after the 3-3 draw at Filbert Street on Wednesday ended in ugly scenes. Where Wright stands apart from the othon probation after two indiscretions last April.

After fining Wright £15,000, the disciplinary committee warned him then that it was his "last chance". That hearing was only two months ago and now a heavy financial penalty and a long suspension seem inevitable. On the basis of what he has said before, such a pun-ishment could lead to Wright walking away from the game.

Brilliant and inflammable as a firework. Wright has trod a well worn route to Lancaster Gate since he was fined £1,500 six years ago for spitting at and making obscene gestures to

Oldham Athletic supporters. Now he has to account for Wednesday night, when he ran from the Arsenal substitutes' bench to confront first the referee, Graham Barber, and then Walsh. The two players ap-peared to square up to each oth-

Arsenal players had confronted Barber after the referee had played almost six minutes of injury time. In the 95th minute Walsh headed Leicester's equaliser in a 3-3 draw.

before they were dragged apart by team-mates and club officials.

Barber reported Wright, Walsh and Vieira for "adopting

each other after the game". Rice is in trouble for "a conversation" afterwards in the referee's room.

Wright's case is likely to be severely undermined by the fact that he had been substituted in er and to exchange angry words the 77th minute and was in the dug-out when the match ended. It was more than a quarter of an hour after his removal from the action that he ran 40 yards to sign his own disciplinary warrant. Wright has sufficient regret

about his past actions that he has undertaken counselling to curb his temper. However, before the FA gave him his last chance he had talked openly of "doing a Cantona" and retiring if the national association had come down hard on him.

"Opponents know I will always be in their face," he said a formight ago, "cycballing them, on their backs. That is Premiership football. But I'm fighting hard with my image now." Not hard enough, it would seem.

Arsenal's manager, Arsène Wenger, tried to defend his wayward striker, but even he ap-peared to lack true conviction. "I can say that Ian Wright was not one of the dirty players on the field," he said. "Maybe it would

lift an arm without referees booking him now and I don't feel he deserves that. I don't think what happened was something important and I've seen more serious things on the field

in the last few games." In the summer it was sugested Wright might be banned for up to 12 games if he transessed again. However, Martin O'Neill, Leicester's manager, said last night: "If Ian Wright was to be banned for 12 games for what happened on Wednesday it would be very, very harsh. Ian Wright is a bubbly character, but if he wasn't also a very good

much said about him. He is a character because of the ability and bravado that comes from within him. Yet if that was all he was we would consider him a clown, which he isn't.

"Ian is a great player. He's 33 but playing as well as he has ever done in his career and he is good for the game. Nobody wants to condone misbehaviour, but from what I saw of it the whole thing seemed a lot more scary than it really was."

O'Neill, who said he felt the referee had been justified in playing nearly six minutes of injury time, added: "From what I'd

"He cannot say anything or player there wouldn't be that heard I expected to watch the television and see all sorts going on, but there were no fists flying, no physical contact, even if the players were pulled apart."

It was only three weeks ago. at the start of the season, that Alex Ferguson, Manchester United's manager, remembered Wright's flare-up with Peter Schmeichel last season and commented: "I couldn't believe it when the FA used him for their advertising campaign.

The disciplinary committee at Lancaster Gate will also be, wondering about the wisdom of

that this morning.

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Path to last four opens up for Henman

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Flushing Meadow

It might be tempting fate to men-tion this, but by defeating Thomas Muster, the world No 5, Tim Henman has opened a seedless path to the quarter-finals of the United States Open.

Should the 22-year-old from Oxford continue to produce the impressive form he displayed against Muster in the first round on Wednesday, he could find himself on the court with his Russian rival, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 3 seed. An alternative possibility is that Henman will duel for the first time with Andre Agassi, unseeded and ranked No 63, for a place in the last four.

The only player on Henman's mind at the moment, however. is Wayne Ferreira. the talented South African who today stands between the Briton and an appearance in the third

Henman has played Ferreira twice previously, last year, and are event the South African won in two sets on a Open. the Briton reversing the result on an indoor carpet in Os-

Ferreira, while not necessarily a man for all seasons, his confidence tending to waver, has prospered on all surfaces. He is one of only nine active players



clay, grass and indoor carpet. His initial triumph, it may be remembered, was in the 1992 Stella Artois grass court cham-

pionships at Queen's Club. Once ranked as high as No 6, Ferreira was down to No 55 on artiving in New York Unis week his prospects hardly bolstered by memories of first-round defeats in the past two years. He proved to have the fitness and resolve to recover from two sets down in the opening round to defeat Alberto Berasategui, of Spain,

Henman, who lost to Stefan Edberg in the fourth round

who is 16 spots higher.

against Wayne Ferreira."

6-3 in the fifth set.

guarded his ranking points with the bonus for defeating Muster, world No 1 said.

"It is no shame to lose to someone like Tim Henman," Muster said after experiencing the full range of the Briton's atfour sets. "We will see how he continues. If he keeps playing and serving the way he did today, I think his chances are there

Muster, who is approaching 30, was asked what he considered to be the difference between the way he is now and the way he was a few years ago. "Less hair, bigger bank account," the Austrian former

Perhaps aware that his days as a pulverising competitor might parodied himself by brandishing his racket and chasing Henman the third set. "That was just a bit of fun," Muster said.

But would he have acted that way a year ago? "That was ward to from the beginning of the year, just to be like that at

the US Open," he parried. Henman saw the humour in in case Muster was about to at- tial to be be in the top 10 for tack him. "I told him in the lock-Another of the new generaer-room I wasn't scared to

I thought the best thing to do was keep running," he said. Muster, whose obsessive work the semi-finals, advanced to the position of respect in the sport, complimented Henman's fluent skills. "He has great poten-His French opponent, Jerome tial," the Austrian said. "He the only thing I was looking for- has a very stylish game, especially on indoor surfaces or grass. I think he has a good coach [David Felgate] and I think they

admit that I was frightened, so

when already two sets down, because of a shoulder injury. The 20-year-old Philippoussis, in common with the 16-year-old Martina Hingis, takes his mind off tennis with recreational pursuits. The other evening he was

tion expected to make a lasting

impression is Mark Philippous-

sis, the No 14 seed. The big-serv-

ing Australian, who might pose

third round on Wednesday night.

Golmard, retired in the third set.

Photograph: Reuter

spotted on the corner of Third Avenue and East 51st Street, black cap turned with its peak to the back, casual gear, elbows and knees padded, holding a skate-Anna Kournikova, the at-

vanced to the semi-finals at Wimbledon this year, was unable to add to her conquests here. Although playing a spirited second set, the Russian was eliminated in the second round by the No 11 seed, Irina Spirlea, of Romania, 6-1 3-6 6-3. Rain delayed yesterday's pro-

£22m deal set up for **Denilson**

ALAN NIXON

The Brazilian prodigy, Demilson, was reported yesterday to have signed for the Spanish side, Real Bens, in what would be a world record transfer deal worth £22m.

The 20-year-old São Paulo striker has been lined up to join Betis after the World Cup finals next year in a deal that will surpass Ronaldo's transfer to Internazionale from Barcelona, which is expected to be worth around £18m when negotiations have been resolved.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect to the mooted deal is the size of the buy-out clause the Spaniards will insert into the contract -£260m. This dwarfs the £91m clause set by Real Madrid for their Dutch midfielder, Clarence Seedorf, this week.

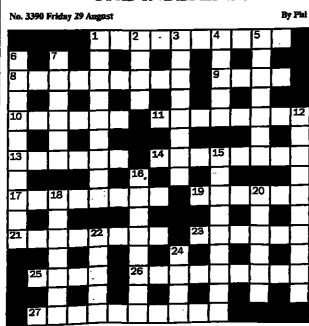
The Betis president, Manuel Ruiz de Lopera, said yesterday that he had reached agreement with São Paulo over the fee and that Denilson would be signing an 11-year contract.

We worked very hard to get it, but now we can give all the Betis fans something to celc-

Manchester United and Tottenham were reported to be looking at Denilson, who played briefly against England in Le Tournoi in France during the summer. He also played a key the Copa America in June.

The player has also been linked with Betis for several months, though Lazio and Real Madrid have also expressed an interest in him. He will not be available to play for the Seville side until after the 1998 World Cup, with Betis loaning him back to São Paulo for the com-Results, Digest, page 23 | ing season as part of the deal.

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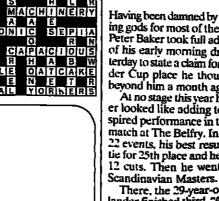
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ANDY FARRELL reports from Munich

Having been damned by the golfing gods for most of the season. Peter Baker took full advantage of his early morning draw yesterday to state a claim for the Ryder Cup place he thought was

beyond him a month ago. At no stage this year has Bak-er looked like adding to his in spired performance in the 1993 match at The Belfry. In his first 22 events, his best result was a tie for 25th place and he missed 12 cuts. Then he went to the

There, the 29-year-old Mid-lander finished third. "All I was trying to do was get my card for next year," Baker said. "I had to have the week off after that. I was burnt out."
Baker returned last week at

the European Open and finished second, lifting him from 57th in the Ryder Cup table prior to going to Sweden to 20th. A victory at the BMW International, which would complete a natural progression, could enable him to qualify automatically. An opening 64, eight under

par, was the perfect start. "This

is all a bonus. The Ryder Cup was not on my mind at all, but to have

The reason is his work with Bill Ferguson, the coach who came to prominence due to his success with Colin Montomerie and Ian Woosnam. "I am just doing everything bet-Baker said.

His fortune was in teeing off in perfect conditions early in the morning, when his round was matched by Carl Watts, whose back nine consisted of eight birdies and a hogey, and two Swedes, Peter Hedblom and Patrik Sjoland. Wayne Westner later equalled the score, finishing his round in the wind and rain of a storm that delayed play for an hour, after which the Frenchman Fabrice Tarnaud returned

to take the lead at nine under. The low scoring makes it hard to evaluate the first-round scores of those vying for the last automatic places in the 12-man team. Jose Maria Olazabal had a 67 in the morning, but Padraig Har-rington later battled the elements to finish birdie-eagle for a 66,

"On this course, that was nothing special." Olazabal said. The level pars of Ignacio Gar-rido and Joakim Hacggman left them a long way behind, al-though in the case of the former it should not matter. Sam Torrance's 75, in front of Europe's captain. Seve Ballesteros, cannot have done his chances any good. a chance going into the final tour-nament is great." Baker added. Paul Broadhurst, scored a 68. The third member of the group,

cream to the top, but the München Nord club, at Eichenried, brings out the worms, or at least it did in a mass eruption last weekend. This is not the usual diet that Montgomerie expects. "There has to be one course which is the easiest on the tour," said Monty, who shot a 65, "and this is it."

He gave his analysis of the test presented by the course: "It is not the longest, the rough is not severe, it's flat, the greens are rolling nicely. My score was three under a par of 68. Eraic Els, a respectful visitor from overseas who scored a 67, was reluctant to commit himself before saying: "It's not the most difficult I've ever played." A comparison with Winged Foot, where the American Ryder Cup qualifying ended two weeks ago, would be that be-tween a BMW and a Lada.

There were only slightly more scores over par than there were under par at the USPGA Championship and even Ballesteros, whose playing is subsidiary to his captaincy at the moment, went 13 holes before his first bogey and finished under par. All of which makes Ralf Berhorst's 86 one of the poorer efforts of his professional career. This is not good week for the German. He is sponsored by Audi. Scores, digest, page 23

Pros' 'insurance' betting banned

Snooker

Professionals were banned last night by the game's governing body from betting against themselves as an insurance wager. After a policy review by the Board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, a rule has been added

to the code of discipline which matches "they are personally involved in".

The move follows allegations last season that some players were placing bets on an opponent to make up the prize money shortfall between winning While some members might

as insurance against losing it, the Board does not regard this practice to be ethical, the WPBSA chairman Rex Williams said. "Snooker is one of the few sports where players still call a foul on themselves and we pride ourselves on having a reputation for sportsmanship.

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